

Mrs. Thatcher, on Golan, finds it is 'not like the map'

By PHILIP GILLON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Margaret Thatcher, leader of the British Conservative Party, arrived yesterday with a long and intensive tour of the Heights yesterday. She said: "I have only just seen the Heights, and it is far too soon to make pronouncements."

During the tour she commented: "There is all the difference in the world between seeing things on a map and seeing them on the ground."

During a long briefing by Ramek Vardi, Head of the IDF Manpower Division, Rav Seren Danavil and Aituf Mishne Doron, she asked the officers with questions that showed that she had a complete grasp of the strategic and military questions involved. Although she never made a written note, she obviously memorized every fact given to her at the briefing, as she later kept asking for sites to be pointed.

When shown Kuneitra from the top of the Avital hill, she commented: "Last January I was there, looking here from the other side."



British opposition leader Margaret Thatcher with Golda Meir in Tel Aviv yesterday.

'Smith leading Rhodesia on path of destruction'

LONDON. — Britain yesterday proposed a two-stage plan to settle the protracted Rhodesian independence dispute based on elections for majority rule within 18 months to two years.

Foreign Secretary James Callaghan put forward the major new initiative following the collapse of institutional talks last Friday between Premier Ian Smith's white minority government and black nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo.

In his statement to a crowded House of Commons, Mr. Callaghan said: "As things are, Mr. Smith is leading his country on the path of death and destruction."

In the first stage there would be a number of pre-conditions. Mr. Callaghan said the first stage would involve four points: acceptance of majority rule; elections for majority

rule to take place in 18 months to two years; agreement that there will be no independence before majority rule; the negotiations towards a constitutional settlement should not be long drawn-out.

If these pre-conditions were accepted the second stage of negotiating the actual terms of an independence constitution could begin.

The dispute was sparked off on November 11, 1965, when Mr. Smith's government unilaterally declared the independence of Rhodesia from Britain.

Britain put forward its own proposals because of growing fears of an increase of guerrilla war following the breakdown of the constitutional negotiations in Salisbury between Mr. Smith and Mr. Nkomo.

Mr. Callaghan said that Mr. Nkomo's demands were reasonable and moderate.

Bus fares up tomorrow

By FITZHAK OKED
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EL AVIV. — Bus fares throughout the country will rise by an average of 25 per cent starting tomorrow, following an agreement reached last night between Transport Ministry officials and representatives of the bus cooperatives.

The rise will apply to all urban routes and most interurban routes operated by Egged and Dan. The Dan fare of 70 agora will be 87 agora. Fares of IL1.20 will rise to IL1.50 on Dan lines, and those of IL1.60 and IL1.70 will rise to IL2.00. The Haifa fare of IL1.10 will rise to IL1.40.

However, the cost of multiple-journey tickets for children and students will go up only 20 per cent, making their discount larger, although they also will be paying more. The elderly will continue to get a 35 per cent discount.

These and several other provisions were insisted on by the Transport Minister. Most important among them: persons who already have discount or regular-price mul-

ti-ple-journey tickets will be able to continue to use them until the end of Pessah, on April 21, without paying more.

Other examples of fare rises on major routes: Jerusalem-Tel Aviv will cost IL1.50 (up from IL1.20); Tel Aviv-Haifa, IL1.40 (up from IL1.10); Jerusalem-Baifa, IL2.20 (up from IL1.75); Tel Aviv-Beer-sheba, IL1.40 (up from IL1.10); Tel Aviv-Ashdod, IL1.60 (up from IL1.20); and Jerusalem-Eilat, IL4.30 (up from IL3.80).

The new fares are expected to save the Government nearly IL10m. a day in subsidies. This is why it was agreed to institute the rise immediately rather than wait for April 1.

The Transport Ministry Spokesman last night told The Jerusalem Post that not all fares have been raised. Some have been left unchanged to bring them in line with fares elsewhere in the country — he cited examples in Hadera, Safad and Acre. In some other places the rise is as little as 14 or even seven per cent — as on the Holon-Tel Aviv North run.

Kadum group must be shifted — Eban

Jerusalem Post Knesset Staff

The polarization of views between doves and hawks in the Labour-Mapam Alignment, stood out in sharp relief last night when the Knesset faction met with the top leadership bodies of the two parties. The meeting was another round in the debate on the end-of-state-of-war proposal, which has been discussed under a general review of opinions about future borders and future negotiations.

Labour's Yitzhak Ben-Aharon was at his most dovish yet. He charged that the Jews, not the Arabs, sparked the recent troubles in Judea and Samaria. "Jewish secular and religious nationalists provoked the unrest in great part. Gush Emunim at Kadum, Betar on the Temple Mount, and the unwelcome presentation of our plans to step up settlement in Galilee were all responsible. After the Jerusalem magistrate's ruling on the Temple Mount issue, the Government failed to respond resolutely and unambiguously."

Premier Yitzhak Rabin: "You are wrong!"

Ben-Aharon: "I think with all due respect that I'm right!"

"We need our own national political identity, while denying it to others. All we need from the Arabs of Judea and Samaria is a commitment that they will live in peace with us."

"Israel today cannot conduct a meaningful foreign policy because of the polarization of views right inside the coalition and right inside the Labour party."

David Green of the ex-Rafli wing of Labour eloquently hawkish ideas in a garment of moderation when he said Israel had to respond affirmatively to the U.S. proposal, but stipulate at the same time that there must be extensive settlement all over Eretz Yisrael.

Coren said: "Rabbi Levinger has no idea at all how to behave with Arabs. If you want to live with Arabs you must first know how to talk to them."

Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi indignantly refuted Ben-Aharon's allegation that the events in Judea and Samaria were prompted by "Jewish provocation." A politically bent minority among the Arabs was interested in staging disturbances to invoke a meeting of the Security Council, but they did not represent the bulk of the Arab community."

However, "certain Jews fanned the fire, and the mass media blew it up out of proportion," Mr. Ya'acobi said, without elaborating (but the reference is, of course, to Rakhak).

Mr. Ya'acobi said that as long as the threat of war existed, Israel could not afford to let security by adopting untenable positions. The end of belligerence should contain elements of security, such as demilitarization, abolition of the boycott, and some sort of commercial relations. These, and not only frontiers, were elements of security, Mr. Ya'acobi said.

Avraham Ofer, the Minister of Housing, believed there was no danger in stating Israel's willingness to negotiate with Palestinians who would recognize Israel, "but the PLO aim is to destroy Israel, and they mean it."

Mapam's Nartali Feder said that (Continued on page 4, col. 5)

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man Moshe Wertman and Mapam's Dov Zakai spoke with particular asperity. When Shoshana Arbell said Sarid should not have put the Arab rioters and Levinger in one basket, Sarid replied: "There are times when the extremists in two opposing camps are really identical."

The row spread to the Knesset Education Committee.

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon said: "The television is to blame for having concealed the identity of the principal provocateurs — the Gush Emunim settlers."

Geula Cohen (Likud): "The television is to blame for having concealed the contribution of Rabbi Levinger and his friends in Hebron to calming tempers down and protecting our national honour."

Yitzhak Ben-Aharon: "There must be an end made to all these new gendarmes in the area."

Geula Cohen: "The Hebron settlers deserve a medal for what they did. Our television suffers from an overdose of masochism. The answer is not to keep the cameras out, however, but to change Israel's policy in the area."

The Likud's Haim Landau also assailed Israel TV because of "deliberately distorted reports which mobilize support for Arab claims."

Cohen earlier asked the Presidium to accord urgency to another motion calling for the order restricting Levinger's movements in Hebron to be revoked. Her request was denied.

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Hebron Mayor Sheikh Mohammed Ali Ja'abari retracting his resignation at a meeting in the town yesterday. (Rahamin Israeli)

Wounded boy dies in hospital Minor incidents mar quiet on West Bank

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Sheikh Ja'abari withdrew his resignation "at the public request," emotionally voiced by several hundred notables who convened in Hebron yesterday to discuss recent events. Ja'abari had discussed the situation on Sunday with Defence Minister Shimon Peres.

The Hebron gathering also called on the authorities to ban residents of the neighbouring Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arba from carrying arms in Hebron; to bar Jews from praying at Moslem shrines; and to halt Jewish settlement in the West Bank. The gathering further demanded that a week-old curfew imposed on the West Bank towns of Ramallah and al-Bireh be lifted immediately. A five-day curfew on Ramhoul, north of Hebron, was lifted yesterday at the request of Sheikh Ja'abari.

The Hebron gathering was preceded by a demonstration of several dozen rock-throwing schoolchildren, who were dispersed by troops carrying batons. Army units which were ordered by Defence Minister Peres to be removed from Hebron on Sunday night were yesterday brought back into the town, but were withdrawn again later in the day.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij yesterday reiterated his opposition to the mass resignation by mayors, saying they were contrary to the interest of the local Arab population. Mayor Freij lashed out in response to criticism of him by seven of the nine-man city council who chose to walk out of office. He said the councilors' resignation was a "farce" and "stunt" and linked it to the West Bank municipal elections scheduled to be held on April 12.

Groups of youths were reported to have stoned troops, put up roadblocks and made street bonfires in several West Bank towns yesterday, but no major incidents were reported. An attempt by some 30 youths to start a demonstration in the Old City of Jerusalem yesterday morning was foiled by fast-moving security forces. Schools in the Old City and many West Bank towns remained largely deserted yesterday. In Nablus, several shops remained closed for the second week running.

In Safed, near Nablus, a 45-year-old man collapsed while a demonstration was being dispersed. He died in hospital later, but the cause of his death was not known. Local doctors said that there were no signs of violence on his body.

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Fierce fighting flares again in Lebanon

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

Pressure mounted last night on Lebanese President Suleiman Franjeh to resign as rival sectarian and political factions in Beirut and other areas exchanged rocket and shell fire.

Day-long battles between right and left-wing factions left at least 100 people dead in Beirut.

Phalangists, supporting President Franjeh, resumed their artillery barrage on the city's Moslem areas with batteries of 155-mm guns dug into the mountains northeast of Beirut, and there was furious fighting for control of the Holiday Inn hotel near the seaport.

The 65-year-old President continued to resist demands from many quarters that he should resign immediately. He met the Lebanese cabinet to discuss ways for him to leave office in what has been described as a gracious fashion.

The fighting in Beirut and other regions appears to have been unleashed by a counter-offensive launched by Christian militias against the combined Marxist groups radical Moslems as well as the Palestine Liberation Organization, all of whom are now pressing for radical political changes in Lebanon.

The commander of the Beirut garrison, Brig-Gen. Aziz Ahdab — who staged a coup a fortnight ago — indicated yesterday that he was considering drastic steps to force Franjeh out of office and at the same time restrain the radicals from taking the law into their hands in Lebanon, Ahdab yesterday

ordered his newly-formed military rebel council to prepare for the eventuality of taking over full powers if the Syrian mediation efforts to solve the Lebanese crisis politically are not successful by tomorrow.

The head of Lebanon's defunct government, Premier Rashid Karami, yesterday called on President Franjeh, reportedly to persuade him to resign. Franjeh, now defended by some 1,500 loyal troops at his presidential palace east of Beirut, has so far defied all ultimata to give up office.

Karami, who had earlier met with Gen. Ahdab, was said to be planning with other leading politicians to convene parliament tomorrow to debate a Syrian-inspired plan to end the chaos in Lebanon.

The Syrian formula was said to provide for overall political reforms, with parity between Christians and Moslem in the administration and the setting up of a transitional regime with elections. Franjeh would be replaced promptly rather than at the end of his six-year term, which expires next September.

The Syrian formula calls for the takeover by a wide-ranging government, which would seek to re-establish national unity, especially within the country's armed forces.

Under the Syrian plan, the head of the state would continue to be Christian and the premier a Moslem. The radical left opposed this because it is against sectarian apportioning of posts in the state administration.



Leftist gunmen drag the body of a Christian Phalangist, killed during Sunday's assault on the Holiday Inn, through the streets of Beirut's hotel district, yesterday. (UPI telephoto)

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TV must get permission

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Defence Minister Shimon Peres yesterday ordered Israel Television to keep out of zones in the administered areas "where security forces are engaged in official duties."

Henceforth, he said, prior permission to enter the zones by local and foreign TV crews would have to be obtained from the Army Spokesman's Office.

The ban — delivered orally to TV chief Aaron Zuckerman and Broadcasting Authority director-general Yitzhak Livni — followed criticism of recent TV coverage of anti-Israel disturbances by Arabs in Judea and Samaria.

Several Arab leaders there as well as members of the Cabinet here have insisted that the sight of

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Hotel fire was arson, says report

NETANYA. — The fire which destroyed the Park Hotel here on Saturday, killing four guests, was definitely arson, two investigating teams concluded yesterday.

A team of fire department experts, as well as a police team, separately found that the fire was set with an undetectable fuel, such as kerosene or petrol, in the hotel's nightclub.

The seven suspects arrested on Sunday were remanded by a Magistrate's Court judge yesterday. Five of them for 15 days and two for eight days. The judge came to the police lock-up to issue the remand, in order to avoid the need for security precautions in transferring the prisoners.

The suspects are: David Boiron, 20; Charlie Masika, 19; Yonatan Dehan, 21; and Moshe Gavriel, 26 — all of Netanya — and Kaden Taher, 15, of Baka el Gharbiya; Dabbari Zuhad, 21, of Deir Khan; and Fakhah Ednan, 22, of Deir Sharef near Nabulus. Dehan and Gavriel were remanded for eight days.

All four of the Netanya residents, the police said, had made threats against the hotel's proprietor and its security officer, after being denied entry to the nightclub without paying admission. The three Arab suspects were employees of the hotel, and said they were prepared to undergo lie detector tests — which the police said they would do.

Meanwhile, two of the injured who had been in Hadera's Hillel Yaffe Hospital were taken to Rambam Hospital Haifa, where three other injured are still being treated. One of them, Bertha Grossman, was injured slightly, but her husband Adolph has been in serious condition at Rambam. The other, Ya'acov Mizrahi, was hurt in the spine and suffered a broken leg.

THE CAMP KADDUM settlers in Samaria are planning to formally inaugurate their new homes there this afternoon.

ARRIVALS

Pinhas Spielman, director of public relations at Bar-Ilan University, from a visit to Europe on university business.

John Pankas, managing director of Automotive Products Company of Birmingham Spa, England, for a three-day visit to look into establishing a local plant for car parts.

Colin Marshall, president of the Avisa car-rental company, with Avisa senior vice-president and international division general manager David Longridge and international division vice-president Vincent Gervaise, for a three-day international meeting of Avisa officials at the Jerusalem Hilton (see pages 5-6).

DEPARTURES

Education Minister Aharon Tadmor, to take part in a U.S. symposium on education policy.



GALLICALLY gesticulating French Senate President Alain Pöher talks with West German Finance Minister Hans Apel during a reception for the distinguished visitors at the Knesset's Chagall hall yesterday. Speaker Israel Yeshayahu is at left.

Israel asks German aid with trade deficit

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

REQUESTS FOR AID from West Germany to help Israel bridge its trade deficit with that country were discussed in talks with Hans Apel, the German Finance Minister, in Jerusalem yesterday.

He was the guest of Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz, at a dinner on Sunday at the King David Hotel. Rabinowitz expressed his appreciation "for the role that the Federal Republic of Germany has played in leading and guiding the European Economic Community towards stronger and closer economic ties with Israel."

At a working session in his office yesterday morning, Rabinowitz pointed out that Israel's exports to Germany are half its imports from there. He suggested that additional credit lines be created, perhaps by a banking consortium, to help finance the import surplus.

West Germany lends DM140m. a year to Israel, mainly for housing. The Treasury is interested in spreading this financing to other sectors, particularly those which increase the country's export potential.

Another idea mooted was the possibility of an arrangement, perhaps on the model of the American Overseas Private Investment Corporation, to underwrite private

German investments in Israel. The Israel spokesmen invoked Dr. Apel's goodwill for the coming negotiations with the Common Market over the Financial Protocol — a codified to the free trade agreement, which should give Israel access to the EEC's financial and aid institutions.

Dr. Apel said he would consult with his colleagues. He observed that his country has already felt some recovery from the recession, with increased business activity and employment.

Haim Bar-Lev, Minister of Commerce and Industry, was host to Dr. Apel at lunch. He noted that the Government-owned German Development Corporation gives loans to four firms in Israel that have German ownership in whole or in part, and urged that it extend these facilities to the Industrial Development Bank.

Dr. Apel will be received by Prime Minister Rabin today, and will proceed to Tel Aviv for meetings with Ya'acov Levinson, Chairman of Bank Hapoalim, and Avraham Shavit, President of the Manufacturers Association.

He is accompanied on this trip by Mrs. Apel and their daughter Ingrid. Escorting him are Dr. Nasteleki and Dr. Rudloff, of his Ministry.

Pöher on tolerance of Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE PRESIDENT of the French Senate, Alain Pöher, said yesterday that the people of Israel and the people of France are linked by natural ties.

At a luncheon tendered in his honour by Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Pöher said: "Whenever one is in Jerusalem, one is impelled to ponder over the eternity of this great city, its tolerance and its peace. Despite the hardships which beset this state, one cannot but praise the spirit of liberty and the *foie de vior* emitted by Israel, the great development here, and the embodiment of democracy present in the entire nation."

Mr. Yeshayahu, opening the session later while Pöher sat in the VIP gallery, praised the work done for Jews in distress by the Senate President since World War II.

Yeshayahu made Pöher a gift of a Yemite-made ornamental chess set. Pöher invited the Knesset to send a delegation to visit the French Senate.

Foreign Minister Yigal Alon and Minister Gideon Hausner were at the luncheon, as were French Ambassador Jean Herly, all the Deputy Knesset Speakers, Likud leader Menachem Begin, Menachem Savidor, chairman of the Israel-France Friendship Society, and two former Israeli Ambassadors to Paris, Ya'acov Tsaur and Asher Ben-Natan.

Condition of Israel society 'scares off many Soviet Jews'

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 100,000 Jews in the Soviet Union who asked to go to Israel have stopped processing their emigration applications — not least because of social conditions in Israel, a former USSR *aliya* activist said here yesterday.

Dr. Victor Pölsky, who arrived here 15 months ago, and other well-known Soviet immigrants warned at a press conference that unless Israel's social structure was drastically changed, the number of immigrants would continue to drop and the rate of emigration from Israel would mount further.

Pölsky stressed that the foremost impediment to immigration continued to be Soviet restrictions. However, anxiety about what would confront them in Israel was now deterring a great many potential *olim*.

Personal conversations with potential *olim* led Pölsky to feel that about 70 per cent of them were put off by the fear that they were not certain of employment in their chosen profession, once they reach Israel.

"Israelis must realize that Soviet immigrants are by no means re-

fugees who flee the danger of physical annihilation, but largely people with high professional qualifications," he stressed. He thought some 20 per cent of the potential immigrants were apprehensive about the country's security situation but only about ten per cent worried about the standard of living here.

Similar opinions were voiced by Dr. Vitali Ryevsky, a Technician chemist, who said immigrants with technological training wanted to help develop and strengthen Israel, but found small, fragmented industries. The one solution was to set up a wide network of large industrial plants in development towns, he thought.

Dr. Yuli Nudelman, a surgeon at Haifa's Rambam hospital, added that the whole social system in Israel was in a state of crisis. "Soviet *olim* are appalled at the lack of patriotism, Zionist feeling and concern for the country's future here. This is what drives not only Soviet immigrants — who incidentally have the lowest emigration rate of any group here — but also Sabras out of Israel. A radical change in government is essential here," he argued.

A tale of one family and a bureaucrat

ALL THE MOVABLE goods of a Bat Yam family of Russian immigrants were cleared out of their rented apartment on Sunday because of a series of bureaucratic blunders, Israel Radio correspondent Sara Frankel reported yesterday.

The Shilovits family, at 26 Rehov Hanevrim, were due to leave the apartment they rented through the Jewish Agency because their contract expired. They took an eviction notice from the Amidar government housing corporation to a Bat Yam Ministry of Immigrant Absorption clerk several weeks ago and were told "not to worry" — they would not be evicted.

On Sunday, in the family's absence, a representative of the Execution Office brought five porters and police, cleared out all the goods, and changed the lock on the flat. Alerted by

neighbours, Shilovits rushed to the Absorption Ministry, where he was told that Amidar had in fact agreed to a two-month extension of the lease — but the executors had not been notified.

Since the porters and police had disappeared from the scene, Shilovits turned to the clerk they had seen previously. He advised him to "break in" and put his goods back into the flat. When Shilovits protested that the flat was not his, the clerk said, according to the Radio reporter, that the matter "didn't interest him." The family, who said that IL20,000 and some jewellery had been missing and that furniture had been damaged, have slept outside for the last two nights to prevent further loss.

The Ministry said perhaps they could have someone sent to restore the goods to the flat today.

Temple Mount appeal to be heard next week

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE STATE'S APPEAL against Magistrate Ruth Or's ruling on Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount will be heard in the Jerusalem District Court next Tuesday, it was learned last night. The two months since Judge Or's controversial decision has been cited as a factor in the rising tide of Arab unrest over the Temple Mount issue.

In its appeal, the State Attorney's office addresses itself only to the question of the guilt or innocence of eight persons acquitted by Judge Or of committing a breach of peace for attempting to pray on the Temple Mount last year. It ignores what has become the central public issue — the magistrate's ruling that Jews have the right to pray on the Temple Mount and that the Ministry for Religious Affairs should draw up regulations permitting such prayer.

State Attorney Gabriel Bach said

yesterday that Sunday's decision by the High Court in a different Temple Mount case clearly reaffirmed the basic High Court decision of 1970 that the authorities have the right to prevent prayer on the Temple Mount if this would constitute a disturbance of the peace. In Sunday's case, a Danish immigrant who had been ordered off the Temple Mount by police lost his plea that the High Court order the Police Minister to allow him to enter the Mount.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Rabbinical Council is to discuss the issue from its religious aspect tomorrow. Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren put the matter on the agenda after being asked by Religious Affairs Minister Yitzhak Rabin for an official opinion on whether the religious ban on Jews entering the Temple Mount should be maintained. Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef has already declared that the ban must remain in force.

Single-handed bank heist draws crowd

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A lone masked man armed with a pistol held up the Bank Hapoalim branch in Neve Shalem here at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, escaping with IL14,000 in cash.

The thief, who was dressed in army work clothes, made his getaway in a red Contessa car which was later found abandoned not far away. During his five minutes in the bank he collected a sizable audience of local residents, none of whom interfered with his escape.

The Neve Shalem area, an extension of Tel Aviv's Eastlakes quarter, has a high incidence of crime, but this usually takes place at night. As yesterday's events at the Rehov Tekoa bank took place in broad daylight, it generated as much excitement in residents as if the favourite football team were in the playoffs.

A 15-year-old boy who lives in the neighbourhood told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had been stand-

ing nearby talking with a friend when suddenly the red Contessa shot by them, nearly knocking them over, and drove up to the bank. Suspecting that a robbery might be underway, they ran to a nearby grocery and told the owner to call the police.

In the meantime the thief had entered the bank. Telling the five clerks to keep quiet, he ordered one of them to fill a white cloth bag. While this was going on, a woman — one of the three customers in the bank — became hysterical. The thief ordered her out of the bank as if she were an unruly pupil in a classroom.

During the five minutes the robbery took, other residents surrounded the bank and watched. When the thief left the bank he simply pushed his way through them, got into the (stolen) Contessa and raced off. Asked why they hadn't tried to hinder the criminal, perhaps by turning off the car's motor, residents of the area responded with a shrug of the shoulders.

4-hour rail stoppage threatened for Friday

HAIFA. — The country's railway employees warned Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi yesterday that they would stop work between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for "meetings" unless their "specific allowance" demands are met. The railwaymen want the same allowance as their granted employees of the Communications Ministry since 1974.

Dr. Alexander (Zygmund) Pechthold

is no more.

The funeral will leave today, Tuesday, March 23, 1976, from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour in Jerusalem, at 2 o'clock.

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Korine and Ades Families

BEIT MICHA—

Society for Deaf Children, Tel Aviv deeply mourns the sudden passing of

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Founder and Chairman of the Society.

The funeral will take place today, Tuesday, March 23, 1976, leaving at 2.00 p.m. from Tel Hashomer Hospital. The funeral procession will be at Beit Micha, 23 Rehov Reading, Ramat Aviv, at 2.30 p.m., on its way to the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.

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Eban on Kadum

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while he personally was against a third state for the Palestinian, Arabs, Israel could never guarantee that Jordan would not grant them a state if the West Bank were first returned to King Hussein.

Abba Eban spoke with cold logic, in contrast to the heat and emotion of his fellow-dove Ben-Aharon. He said that Kadum and the Temple Mount prayer bid both proved that groups of citizens were taking the law into their own hands, and creating *faits accomplis* while anarchy prevailed.

Eban said that as long as Kadum remained, a big question-mark was placed on the authority of the Government. "Kadum will be the touchstone," Eban warned. "The settlers must be shifted to a site which the Government has decided must be settled, and where the group can be no less pioneers."

He said Israel must encourage a U.S.-Egypt rapprochement, while maintaining a balance of forces in the area. The Israeli public could

not expect to enjoy a monopoly of ties with the U.S., after the entry of Egypt into the American camp had wrought such a global transformation.

Eban said the end-of-state-of-war proposal was today no more realistic than a peace proposal, and was very likely to founder on the reef of Arab obduracy.

Israel had caused itself great harm by conceding for the first time since 1948 that a legal state of war existed with the Arabs. "This was something Israel's friends had never countenanced. It enabled the Arabs to practise blockade, boycott, and other measures which they claimed were privileges conferred by the state of war."

He said Israel should come to an understanding about the nature of peace with the U.S. in 1978 — not in 1977, when conditions would be more difficult.

The debate is expected to continue next week.

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Airport manager quits for lack of power

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — The international airport's manager, Eliezer Cohen, has quit his post because he found that he lacked the authority, funds and legal backing required to run the airport as he saw fit.

"I am not resigning, nor am I leaving in anger. I'm merely not renewing my contract with the Transport Ministry," Cohen said yesterday.

He said he was returning to El Al where he will serve as a first officer in a Boeing 747. "Planes to what you make them do. No politics up in the sky."

Citing some examples of the lack of funds to manage the airport, Cohen said that only IL26m. had been allotted for development pro-

jects this year. That was substantially less than the very minimum he had asked for and totally out of proportion to the approved development projects for the airport. Essential development plans would require an overall investment of IL100m. during each year of the coming decade at current prices, Cohen said.

There were other problems at Ben-Gurion Airport but the most degrading of them all was the question of tipping porters. "I am not prepared to be the manager of an airport where such (tipping) is a routine practice," he said, noting that the sight of porters quarrelling over passengers' baggage was an everyday occurrence. He was not authorized to take strong-hand measures, and Civil Service Authorities should have taken the necessary steps, he said.

There were few airports in the world given the diversity of tasks Ben-Gurion handles, he said. Fifteen foreign and two local airlines operated out of the field, in addition to the Israel Air Force and Bedek flights.

Cohen went on to disclose that, in spite of the vast investments made at the airport to date, the radar had until recently been only 55 per cent functional. It was now averaging 80 per cent. Most of the take-offs and landings were from the old runway, he said, little use was being made of the new long and silent runway.

A true separation of approach and take-off paths would become possible only after the extension of Runway 21, at present still too short to serve passenger aircraft. It is to be extended to 2,400 metres during the coming financial year.



Eliezer Cohen

Virginal birth in Ramle

TEL AVIV. — A young man from Ramle, convicted of having sexual intercourse with a minor, got off lightly despite making her pregnant — because she remained a virgin.

The District Court judge, Simeon Ben-David IL1,000 and imposing a year's suspended sentence, commented on the case as providing further medical proof that virgin birth is possible.

Edmond's girl-friend, who had consented to cohabit with him, never suspected she was pregnant until she was in her fourth month. Her parents then tried to get him to marry her, but he said he would do so only if she proved to be a virgin. (He later claimed that during intercourse with her he tried to make certain he did not deflower her.)

The girl proved to be a virgin, all right, but Edmond persisted in refusing, and the parents then complained to the police. Meanwhile, the affair has produced a baby boy, now more than a year old. (Him)

WZO approves plan for 213 farm settlements

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A massive plan for settling tens of thousands of families on 213 new agricultural settlements in the North and South by 1990 was approved yesterday by the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department.

Called "Rural Settlement for the Future," the plan was prepared using the expertise of five years by a team of experts headed by Prof. A'nan Weitz, head of the World Zionist Organization's Settlement Department.

The settlements will be established in two major concentrations: from Nazareth to the Lebanese border in the North, including the Afula, Gefen and Hazon districts; and from Yamit to Beersheba in the South. The southern settle-

ments will be geared to technologically advanced agricultural methods, with about 90 per cent of their produce going for export.

The settlers would be new immigrants, city-dwellers who wanted to break out of the urban grid and second-generation settlers of kibbutzim and moshavim who wanted to start new settlements elsewhere.

Although a number of the settlements will be set up outside the Green Line (the 1947 boundary), the exact sites and times have not been determined.

A more detailed plan will be presented at the upcoming Jewish Agency Assembly this July and at the Zionist Congress at the end of the year.

Civil servant fined for skipping court

TEL AVIV. — The Commerce and Industry Ministry's Supervisor of Standards, Dr. Zetlin, was yesterday fined IL200 for failing to appear to testify in a case in which he was the principal State witness.

The case involved Tel Aviv electrical-goods wholesaler Zvi Wilner and retailer Zvi Greenwald, who were charged with selling substandard bulbs. When Dr. Zetlin, who was to have displayed the bulbs, failed to appear Judge Arye Evenari issued a summons for him. But the two men meanwhile admitted some of the charges, and then IL200, the Supervisor IL200, and cancelled the summons. Judge Evenari sharply criticized the frequency with which senior government officials have been failing to appear in court cases where their testimony has been requested.

THE THIRD ANNUAL Ira Symposium, on "Improvement of the Quality of Working Life — Human Engineering Theory and Application" opens tomorrow at the Tel Aviv Hilton. Scientists from five countries will participate.

IRENS IN ELAT, the Arava and Neviot (Nuweiba) will be tested today and tomorrow, it was announced yesterday. The signal sound will be the all-clear — in minutes-long, level blasts; the danger signal will be sounded in the event of a real emergency.

Shepherd hurt in minefield blast

KIRYAT SHMONA. — A Majdal Shimon shepherd was in serious condition at Haifa's Rambam Hospital yesterday after being injured in an explosion in a Golan minefield.

Said Muechem, 18, had led his flock through the barbed wire into the marked field, where a blast was heard at 2.30 p.m. Soldiers brought him out and put him in an army helicopter for the Haifa hospital. Police are investigating the blast.

Israel Bonds in 3,000 U.S. banks

THREE THOUSAND American banks have Israel bonds in their portfolios, it was learned yesterday from a National Bankers' Delegation, here on a four-day trip as guests of the Bonds Organization.

They called on Prime Minister Rabin yesterday, and were entertained to lunch by Moshe Sarban, Governor of the Bank of Israel.

The visitors include John W. Clay, (Third National Bank of Nashville), Clarence H. Gifford Jr. (Rhode Island Hospital Trust), James A. Markley (Provident Bank of Cincinnati), Stewart F. Oakes (Worcester County National Bank), Howard Revelson (Ohio Trust Equipment Inc.), William G. Rohrer (First People's National Bank of New Jersey) and John Volkening (Liberty National Bank and Trust, Louisville).



POLICE MINISTER SKIPS — Shlomo Hillel demonstrates his skill in skipping rope to girls of the Beit Rivka school in Kfar Habad, during a tour of the hassidic village yesterday. (Freidlin)

Large families charge housing funds misused

By YAA'COV AEDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Finance and Housing Ministries have misused budgets intended to relieve overcrowded housing, according to Avraham Danino, city councillor and chairman of Zehavi, the association which seeks to foster the interests of large families.

Danino told the press of a plan he conceived in cooperation with Technion urbanologist, Prof. Daniel Shefer, for re-housing 2,500 families each year over the next five years in apartments of 100 square metres. Danino said the project should be entrusted to a special national agency because the Housing Ministry, he believed, had been diverting the funds to other groups which were less deserving but had greater social pressure.

Funds would come from the ministry's annual budget of IL4,500m. — about nine per cent each year, according to Danino, who is also a sociologist.

"We have no faith in the Housing Ministry. We want to make it clear: we are not preaching a high birth rate. Our aim is to deal with an existing tragedy. What use are the best programmes of educational reform and of social betterment if the children have no place to themselves in their home?" Danino said.

Roughly one out of eight children under 18 live in overcrowded conditions — more than three persons to a room. But the psychological, educational and social consequences affect an entire generation, not merely the 115,000 children and 20,000 families involved, various spokesmen stressed.

Hebrew University sociologist Dr. Eliezer Yaffe charged that the Ministry had learned nothing in the last 25 years about rehousing the underprivileged, or about social and school integration. He emphasized

the need for a separate agency. The present rate of re-housing for large families through public agencies (the Praxot Company in Jerusalem, Halamish in Tel Aviv, Shikmona in Haifa, and housing committees in other areas) was no more than 700 a year for the whole country.

"Of all other groups of the population, three-fourths of those entitled to public aid for housing have been able to get into new homes. But only one quarter of the large families approved for aid have been able to make use of it because of their poverty and the high cost of housing," the Zehavi spokesmen explained.

"Of the IL250m. allocated as aid for those families living more than three persons to a room, only 10 per cent in fact reached the large families among them."

Junior lecturers organize against job insecurity

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE 1,300 untenured instructors and lecturers at the Hebrew University plan to hold a one-day warning strike next Tuesday to protest against dismissals due to budget cuts, slowness of advancement and the general insecurity of their positions. Junior lecturers at Bar-Ilan University have also declared a labour dispute and staff members at other universities are organizing to protest their jobs.

The chairman of the junior lecturers association at the Hebrew University, law lecturer Dr. Shimon Shetreet, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the tendency towards staff cuts started in 1973, even before the Yom Kippur War, when it was found that student enrolment was levelling off. The situation has become much more serious with cuts in university budgets since then. Since January, 12 lecturers and 12 assistants have received notice.

Of the approximately 2,000 teachers at the Hebrew University, 700 are untenured senior lecturers or associates or full professors. The remaining 1,300 teachers, who range from assistants, instructors, lecturers with doctorate, teaching fellows and lecturers, work under appointments renewable every one to three years and have no job security.

The average age of lecturers, the highest untenured rank, is 35 years, Dr. Shetreet said. Only about one out of five makes the crucial jump to tenured senior lecturer. The other four eventually drop out of their academic careers. Only about one per cent of senior appointments fall vacant every year, as professors retire at the mandatory age of 68 or as they die, Dr. Shetreet said.

The junior lecturers feel that the universities erred in operating on the assumption of continuous growth until about four years ago. They say that junior staffers hired before that period should not be made to suffer because the universities now feel constrained to make advancement more difficult, and even cut jobs. "The universities have misled us for years, they can't change the rules in mid-game now," Dr. Shetreet said.

The junior lecturers say that administrative staffs should bear the burden of economy dismissals. "We carry the main burden of teaching, and our staffs are not inflated," Dr. Shetreet stated flatly. (He cautiously added that administrative jobs in his law faculty were not inflated.)

The juniors want the same pension, 35 per cent of salary, as is granted to administrative workers, who gain tenure after only 11 months on the job. "If the university fails to absorb us, we want a pension according to our years of service," Shetreet said.

The junior lecturers also want increased representation in the University Senate, its executive council and on faculty councils. "The 700 professors have about 300 representatives on these bodies — 1,300 junior teachers have only nine," he said.

Dr. Shetreet stressed that, in spite of the present difficulties, relations between the junior lecturers and the university authorities are good. He also admits that the university agreed in principle to shorten the number of years it takes now for a lecturer to gain tenure after receiving his doctorate. He expressed concern about the fate of many new-immigrant junior lecturers, once the Absorption Ministry stops subsidizing their salaries.

Holiday fish may be subsidized

HAIFA. — Negotiations are proceeding on subsidies to keep the price of carp steady for Passover, despite the higher costs of fodder as a result of devaluations.

Secretary of the Fish Breeders Union B. Ben-Aharon told The Jerusalem Post yesterday that the retail price would "probably" remain steady at IL12 per kilogram. Fishmongers charge extra for cleaning the fish.

He said there would be unlimited supplies of pond fish available. The silver carps would be marketed at the present IL8.50 per kilogram, and the price of the St. Peter's fish would remain uncontrolled.

Only grey mullets would not be freely available. This year's crop had been poor for lack of fishlets, which must be caught in the sea, he said.

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Thatcher

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attitude to terrorism, she said, "I've already said elsewhere (in Damascus) that I'm against international relations — or internal relations either, for that matter — being handled by terrorist methods."

Earlier in the morning Mrs. Thatcher visited the Israel Aircraft Industries plant.

The Tory leader met with Mrs. Golda Meir for over an hour in Tel Aviv yesterday afternoon. The two gave little away to newsmen after their talk.

"Did you learn anything about how a woman P.M. feels?" someone asked Mrs. Thatcher. She said that they had been "too concerned with the issues" to discuss that sort of thing. "They think that's all women think about," Mrs. Meir added scornfully.

At a reception given by the Israel, Britain and Commonwealth Association in her honour in the evening at ZO A House, Mrs. Thatcher observed that she "could win an election in Tel Aviv any time... so many of my ex-supporters have taken up residence here." (Mrs. Thatcher represents the London borough of Finchley, where there is a large Jewish community.)

She also visited the Mayor of Ramat Gan, the twin city with Finchley, and dined with the British Ambassador, Anthony Elliott.

Tsur resigns from JNF

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ya'acov Tsur, chairman of the Jewish National Fund for the last 16 years, yesterday announced his resignation.

The JNF board of directors asked the 71-year-old Tsur to remain in the chairmanship until June 1, after which a temporary committee will take over until a permanent replacement is found.

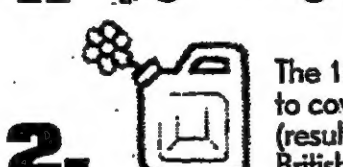
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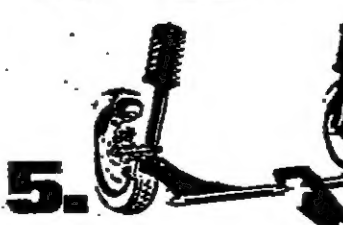
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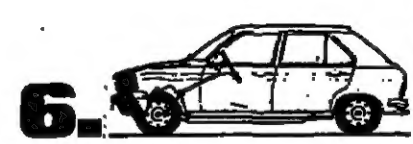
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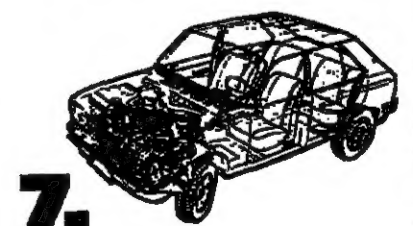
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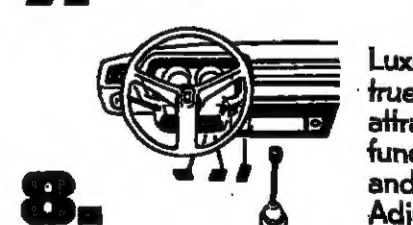
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Callaghan favourite as voting starts

LONDON. — As nominations closed yesterday for the leader of Britain's ruling Labour Party, Foreign Secretary James Callaghan was strong favourite to become the next Prime Minister. He is challenged by five other cabinet ministers.

There were no late entries before the noon deadline in the race to succeed Prime Minister Harold Wilson, who surprised the nation last week by announcing his resignation. Wilson remains in office until the 31st Labour Members of Parliament elect his successor. First ballot voting ends at noon Thursday, with the result expected six hours later. The winner must get an overall majority of 159 votes, which means there could be a number of ballots. The candidates are:

- Callaghan, 63, former Chancellor of the Exchequer and Home Secretary, a middle-of-the-road man whose policies would not be expected to differ significantly from Wilson's.
- Denis Healey, 58, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and a powerful politician on the party's right wing.
- Michael Foot, 62, Employment Minister, favourite of the party's left wing and advocate of more nationalization and state control.
- Roy Jenkins, 55, Home Secretary, an intellectual on the party's right wing who appeals strongly to independent voters throughout the country.
- Anthony Crosland, 57, Environment Minister, a reserved, thoughtful man's candidate on the party's right, given little chance of success.
- Tony Benn, 50, Energy Secretary, hero of the militant left but feared by Britain's financiers and industrialists, also unlikely to win.

As the nominations closed, Britain's legal bookmakers set Callaghan's odds at 1 to 2 on (that is, you bet £2 to win £1). Foot was second favourite, with Healey and Jenkins close behind.

Soundings among Labourites indicated Foot would challenge Callaghan for the lead on the first ballot, but neither would come close to the 159 majority needed to win. That would result in papers for the second ballot being issued on Thursday, with the results announced on Tuesday, March 30. If a third ballot is required, papers will be issued that night and voting will close at noon Monday, April 5. No new aspirants may enter the race, which means alternative compromise candidates are ruled out.

The candidate who gets the fewest votes in each ballot is automatically eliminated and the candidate immediately above him may be eliminated too if their combined vote is less than the candidate just above them. (AP)



As Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko called on British Foreign Secretary Callaghan at the Foreign Office yesterday, a group of demonstrators for Soviet Jewry, complete with prison garb and carrying balls and chains, staged a protest at the top of Downing Street. (UPI telephoto)

Reagan in make-or-break primary vote today

WASHINGTON. — Former California Governor Ronald Reagan was facing his political Waterloo yesterday as he moved into a last day of campaigning for Republican votes in North Carolina's presidential primary election.

Some political observers believe that unless he gains his first primary triumph against President Gerald Ford today, the 65-year-old ex-film star might give up the fight for the Republican presidential nomination.

The same problem faces Alabama Governor George Wallace in his fight for the Democratic nomination. Wallace aides acknowledge their man has an uphill battle against fellow-Southerner Jimmy Carter, a former Georgia Governor who has confounded party regulars by snatching an early lead among the half-dozen Democratic contenders.

Carter left before the weekend to campaign in New York, where 274 convention delegate votes are at stake in the April 5 primary. No other Democrats are campaigning in the Southern state.

President Ford, who has defeated

Reagan in four consecutive primaries, spent Saturday barnstorming North Carolina, occasionally appearing — though not at the same time — in the towns where Reagan was speaking. "I can't wait to see those results when they come in because they are going to be good," Ford said as he headed the end of the 14-hour trip.

Ford's supporters hope a strong victory in North Carolina will deal the fatal blow to Reagan's presidential aspirations. Republican officials have suggested that the former California Governor drop out of the race in the interest of party harmony, but Ford said he is not behind those moves and does not care whether Reagan withdraws. He did say, however, that a continued Reagan candidacy could have a potentially divisive effect on the party.

Meanwhile, R. Sargent Shriver, whose campaign for the Democratic nomination failed to catch fire, yesterday formally withdrew from the race. Shriver, 60, who claimed the mantle of the Kennedys when he announced his candidacy, was the fifth Democrat to bow out. (Reuter, AP, UPI)

Another IRA bomb plant discovered in London

LONDON. — Scotland Yard detectives hunting suspected Irish Republican Army bombers responsible for three attacks on tube trains in the past week have discovered another bomb factory and detained six persons.

But the 1,000-strong force of police officers assigned to ride the underground trains and guard London's two million daily commuters against further attacks is being reduced because of a shortage of

manpower, Scotland Yard said yesterday. The capital's police force is already 20 per cent below strength. The latest bomb factory was discovered on Friday at a house in South London and is the third uncovered in the area in three weeks. Explosives and detonators similar to those used in the underground attacks were found in a tiny flat rented by the man injured in a premature bomb explosion on a train last Monday.

Five men and a woman were subsequently detained in a series of raids at the weekend, a police spokesman said.

Adrian Donnelly, the man injured in the train blast, and another suspected bomber injured in a premature explosion in a West London street three weeks ago are in hospital under police guard.

The train attacks were the culmination of a spate of a dozen bombings, most of them minor, since the death five weeks ago of IRA hunger striker Frank Stagg. Police, uniformed and in plain clothes, men and women, many of them carrying pistols under overcoats or in handbags, are one response to the IRA attacks. Police also ride commuter trains, coming into London and patrol stations. Another official response was a police warning to passengers to "be your own security guards."

The atmosphere on the tube has become tense. Nobody gets into a car without being carefully scrutinized by those already aboard. Behind raised newspapers and paperbacks everyone watches everyone else. Parcels, carrier-bags, handbags and cases are eyed with suspicion. (UPI)

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3 Libyans jailed in plot against Bourguiba

TUNIS. — Tunisia announced yesterday that it had arrested three Libyan gunmen sent here in a plot to kidnap or kill "a Tunisian political personality."

France-Inter, a French government-owned radio network, said the targets were Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba and his designated successor, Prime Minister Hedi Nouria. Bourguiba said in a radio interview broadcast yesterday that Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gaddafi had planned to have him killed.

However, Tunisian police declined to specify the targets of the alleged plot when they announced the arrests. Police Chief Abdelmajid Bouislama added that arms for the assassination attempt were kept in the Libyan Embassy. The embassy declared it was "astonished" by the allegations.

Following the announcement, Tunisia recalled its diplomatic envoy from Libya as the affair sent already troubled relations between the two North African Arab neighbours to a new low. Their relations have been strained since an agreement between Bourguiba and Gaddafi in 1974 to unite the two adjoining countries fell through.

ROUGH TREATMENT

Strains have been aggravated by the expulsion this month of more than 5,000 Tunisian workers from Libya. Some claimed they were treated roughly and not permitted to work. Tunisia's official newspaper quoted Bourguiba as saying in the radio interview that Libya "sent killers to Tunisia to avenge itself for the failure of union between Tunisia and Libya."

Bouislama, the police chief, hinted that the three under arrest were linked with the 27 Libyans arrested earlier this month in Cairo and the three Libyans arrested in Rome for trying to smuggle arms into Italy. He said the leader of the group sent here spent about three weeks in Cairo before his arrest and that one of the three arrested here was carrying the identity card of one of those held in Rome.

Bouislama said the three Libyans arrested in Tunis had been identified as belonging to a para-military organization called the "Sadda". Tripoli had formed it about six months ago to kidnap or assassinate Arab politicians outside Libya. It reported directly to Libya's supreme body, the Revolutionary Command Council headed by Gaddafi, he said.

The attack was to be carried out with three Italian sub-machineguns, three British pistols and three hand grenades, the police chief said. These had previously been stored at the Libyan Embassy in a suitcase with a combination lock whose number was known to the squad, he added. Bouislama did not say when the men were arrested, adding that the investigation continued and the trial would be public. (AP, Reuter, UPI)

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Sadat reshuffles Cabinet to carry out austerity policies

LOS ANGELES. — Sixteen ministers in Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's new Cabinet were sworn in on Sunday, the ceremony being held at a repaired school in war-battered Kantara township, on the eastern bank of the Suez Canal, the "Los Angeles Times" said yesterday.

The newspaper's correspondent in Cairo, Jack Foisie, reported that the ceremony, as with other recent political developments in Egypt, was more symbolic than significant. "Bringing his ministers east of the Canal, Sadat said, 'symbolizes the country's love for this liberated land'."

The "Times" report continues: In making his Cabinet reshuffle, Sadat had indicated that it would include new executives able to carry out austerity policies to counter Egypt's huge foreign debt.

But when the list of 31 Cabinet and sub-Cabinet officials were announced, there were only five new names. Only one, Dr. Mahmoud Imam as Minister of Planning, will deal directly with the economy.

Imam's appointment was greeted favourably by Western economists and businessmen. Imam is known to favour all-out cooperation with the industrialized Western world, in contrast with some ministers who want to retain at least a vestige of Egyptian Socialism.

But Imam, as a long-time UN official, only returned to Cairo a year ago to head the Arab League Economic Unity Council. So his influence on Egyptian ministers may be limited.

Several other ministers who are believed to be against meaningful devaluation of the Egyptian currency were retained. Most foreign economists believe only a sizeable devaluation of the Egyptian pound will encourage meaningful foreign investments in Egypt.

A key figure in any change in fiscal policy, the Governor of the Egypt Central Bank, Ahmed Zaidou, was replaced, reportedly because he was pushing too rapidly for reforms in archaic banking practices.

As promised, Sadat reduced his Cabinet by consolidating eight ministries. But for all of the streamlining, the policy-makers were only reduced from 35 to 31, because of the inclusion of sub-level ministers in the Cabinet list.

Military influence in the Cabinet appears to remain at the same level, with four soldiers and two policemen holding minister positions. The holdover Prime Minister, Mamdouh Salem, is a police general.

In two recent speeches, Sadat stressed that the armed forces will not interfere in politics, and that

the military are pledged to safeguard the constitution. His pointed references to loyalty are believed to reflect Sadat's awareness of a restlessness among some of his fellow officers and perhaps a grouping of potential coup-makers.

Some officers are reported to be unhappy about Sadat's renunciation of Egypt's friendship pact with the Soviet Union because it forecloses any further Russian military aid while there are as yet no firm commitments from Western nations, including the U.S., for sizeable replacement of aging Russian weapons and equipment.

There is also believed to be dissatisfaction among a hard core of officers who regret that Sadat has all but formally taken Egypt out of any further fighting with Israel.

In his other Cabinet changes, Sadat appears to be placing public opinion. Youssef Sibah was named as Minister of Information and Culture, at least partly because for a time he banned the import of foreign films. This both saved on foreign exchange spending and gave a lift to Egyptian movie-making. But being deprived of Western movies (with Arabic subtitles) was resented by Cairo's sizeable middle class, for whom movie-going is a favourite entertainment.

Sibah was replaced by a newspaper lawyer as deputy head of the nation's National Assembly, Dr. Gamal Otefy. He is the third man to take over the Information Ministry within a year, indicating Sadat's sensitivity over what is printed in the government-controlled press, radio and television.

The general public, particularly in Cairo with its massive crowding in some areas, and with inflation putting prices way out in front of income, is also becoming a source of apprehension. There are increasing demonstrations, mostly small-scale and sometimes triggered by an incident or accident. Few are reported. Most are ended by authorities through persuasion rather than force.

Two weeks ago, when a train between Cairo and Alexandria broke down, irate passengers blocked the parallel main highway, demanding lifts from motorists. Cars that did not stop were stoned.

Yet the majority of the people in Cairo, who seem apathetic or cynical about Cabinet change and government promises and pronouncements, appear resigned to a dreary existence for some time. The middle-aged are ready to accept further austerity, if it will mean a better life for the children they say.

S. Africa's Catholics open schools to black

LONDON. — The Roman Catholic church in South Africa has decided in principle to open its private white schools to all races. The move will affect 33,000 white pupils in 116 primary schools and 78 secondary schools, the "Guardian" Stanley Uys said yesterday.

The government has a final power of veto under its race laws and it is expected to invoke it. It has always steadfastly opposed black pupils attending white schools.

Asked Sunday to comment on the church declaration, deputy minister of Bantu education Dr. Andries Treurnicht said: "I will have to examine the position before making any comment. Our policy is to separate schools for the different communities." Treurnicht is an outspoken right-winger and is unlikely to take a sympathetic view of what the Catholic church is trying to achieve.

The government has a problem, though. It has promised under its detente policy to

abolish race discrimination in South Africa. An offer by the Catholic church to open its private white schools to all races presents an opportunity to the government to begin implementing its promise.

Catholic leaders anticipate opposition from some white parents to their move, and they can see the government taking the side of parents and prohibiting the admission of black pupils.

A white Catholic father said that he would not be happy to have his teenage daughter mix with blacks. A close friendship with a coloured girl might lead to friendship with the girl's brothers.

Another mother said: "I'm not happy about the idea and as a Catholic I don't feel that I should have to deny my child a church education because of this."

The government's attitude to black education was spelt out in the Bantu education act of 1953 which transferred control of most black schools from church missions to the depart-

ment of Bantu education. Government spokesmen said at the time that church education was undesirable because it turned pupils into "agitators" and aroused expectations which could not be met.

In 1959 the government passed the incongruously named Extension of University Education Act, which closed the open universities to black students and established separate ethnic universities for them.

The trend in education therefore has been increasingly towards separation of the races. Now, the Catholic church wants to reverse the process. If the government vetoes the move, that will be the end of the matter, unless the Catholic church invites prosecution and is prepared for a church-state clash.

The Catholic church's actions will also cause the Anglican church to review its own policy. Both churches have more black than white members.

UN attacked for ignoring Lebanon, debating W. Bank

NEW YORK. — "The New York Times" said in a strong editorial yesterday that "only the crazy prism through which the East River's diplomatic corps views the world can justify a Security Council meeting on the West Bank, while the far graver upheaval in Lebanon goes unnoticed."

"The obvious reason needs no belabouring," the editorial continued. "A debate on the Israeli military occupation will provide ample opportunity for the anti-Israel rhetoric which has become the UN's most abundant staple; discussion of Lebanon would prove embarrassing and divisive to the Arab world."

"The Times" pointed out that "Israel's nine-year administration of the West Bank — surely among the most benign military occupations of modern times — is undergoing a severe challenge. The immediate cause of the past month's unrest among Arab Palestinians is relatively trivial, the questions raised are for Israel's future policy toward its Arab neighbours." (AP)

Six Philippine soldiers killed

MANILA. — At least six soldiers were killed and four wounded in fighting between Muslim rebels and government forces in the southern Philippine province of Sulu, a military spokesman said yesterday. The spokesman said an army officer and three trainees were killed in fighting on Friday in Barrio Sunda, Patikul district on Jolo Island. On Palu Island, rebel terrorists attacked a constabulary detachment and killed a Lieutenant, he added. (AP)

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OPEN UNIVERSITY Higher education through the mail

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

PEOPLE who did not take their school, and perhaps never finished high school, may now be able to begin university level studies at some with the possibility of earning a full B.A. degree.

Israel's Open University, patterned after the one started in England in 1970, will begin accepting enrollment for its first six courses on March 28. Except for a course in Jewish studies, the rest of the initial curriculum tends toward the natural sciences: life sciences (biology), natural sciences (chemistry and physics), earth sciences (geology), cosmology and mathematics. This is partly a matter of chance and partly because potential students include teachers' college graduates, many of whom need additional maths and science training.

"Any student who contacts us will receive a catalogue describing our courses," explained Robin Twite, secretary of the university. Announcements with particulars will appear in the newspapers on March 6. "After he chooses a course, we will send him sample material including self-evaluation questions designed to see if the level is appropriate for him."

"Eventually, there will also be an adult education programme starting at a lower level, such as external agronomy or technical training. Then, anyone who finds the university courses too difficult can start in the adult programme and perhaps move up. But that is still in the future, 1977 at the earliest."

How does an operation like this, which has been recognized by the Ministry of Education and the Council for Higher Education, and which opens eventually to grant the B.A. degree, function with students who may not have finished high school? "We tried our course on 20 experimental students," explained Dr. Yava Ben-Zvi, one of the team of four (two Ph.D.s and two assistants with B.Sc.s or M.Sc.s) who wrote the initial syllabus. "Some were students who hadn't finished high school but had great interest in the field, while others were



The Open University's first experimental group of students seen on a field trip in Jewish studies.

university graduates in other fields who wanted to know something about science. Our experience—though I do not want to draw conclusions from such a small sample—was that the students without a high school diploma were the ones who stayed the course."

SPONSORED by the Rothschild Foundation—with government funding to begin gradually in three years and eventually to take over—the Open University is non-profit-making. It may win public confidence more readily than at least some profit-making correspondence schools. "We have been recognized by the government," Mr. Twite explained. "But since permission to grant the B.A. is given only retroactively, after it has been proven that the institution deserves it, we cannot promise the degree in advance. But we are serious, and we hope we will be taken seriously and trusted."

In addition to the correspondence lessons, students will meet with their tutors three or four times during each course. (Each course is scheduled to take 12 weeks, with extra leeway before the final exam to account for reserve duty, illness etc.) These meetings will take place at 12 study centres, located in existing educational facilities throughout the country. Tutors will also be available for telephone contact or personal interviews.

Among the interesting innovations planned, many of which have already been tried on the experimental students, are lab. kits which will be sent to the student for home experimentation and individual study tours, such as one offered to geology students. Field trips with tutors, such as the one the experimental students of Jewish Studies enjoyed, are also planned.

While these first six courses are running, new ones in the same fields will be planned on more advanced levels so that students will be able to continue studies without interruption. "So far, all the material is in Hebrew," said Mr. Twite, "including

many translations of our own. However, I suspect students will have to begin grappling with English material at a fairly early stage. We're working now on an special course designed to help students read scientific material in English."

At the same time, however, the curriculum will be expanded in width as well as in depth to include the social sciences and humanities. "We do not see ourselves as providing a B.A. in one specific subject, as universities here do," Mr. Twite explained. "But rather offering general education similar to that American universities give. Taking an average of three courses a year—most students couldn't handle more than one at a time—it will probably take a student about six years to get a B.A."

The plan is aimed at the older student who is involved with job and family. "I would not encourage my 18 year-old son to study at the Open University. Even the best Open University cannot offer a young person the stimulation and social life of a campus. But there is definitely a need for educational opportunities for the person who wants to learn and has the ability but cannot go to a full-time university, either because he lacks a high school diploma or simply because he doesn't have the time, or both."

The Open University in England, at first viewed sceptically by the established universities, has proved itself worthy of the name University and has even enjoyed the honour of having some of its original teaching material adopted on the regular campuses. Proponents of the Israeli Open University, who include Professor Maxim Bruckheimer who was dean of mathematics at the British O.U., hope the Israeli experience will enjoy similar success.

Tuition will be IL400 for each course. Since a high drop-out rate is inevitable in such a programme, the student will pay only IL200 at the beginning, so that he will lose only half the cost of the course if he does not complete it.

The Israel Chamber Ensemble, George Singer conducting, with Stella Richmond, Silvia Greenberg, soprano; Nissim Taggar, tenor; Tiber Herdan, bass-baritone (Jerusalem Theatre—March 18). Gluck: Excerpts from "Orfeo ed Euridice"; Tchaikovsky: "Saul at En-Dor"; Mozart: "The Impresario."

OPERA has its attractions when presented by well cast good singers, but this evening was quite uneven in this respect. Apparently, for reasons of economy, the excerpts from Gluck's opera avoided the inclusion of Euridice. Stella Richmond's beautiful voice was well placed as Amor, but I failed to see anything attractive in Mira Zakal's performance of Orfeo; the timbre of her voice lacks any warm, personal

MUSIC REVIEWS

Uneven in quality

lost nothing of its impact since 1955 when it was first performed. The strict economy of musical means, the avoidance of clichés and extramusical effects, and the good casting all had their share in creating the deep impression made by the presentation. Albert Cohen told the story (Samuel L. ch.28,3-28) with clear diction and appropriate inflection; Nissim Taggar (Saul), Tiber Herdan (Samuel), Mira Zakal (the "Witch") all gave of their best.

different types as Cleopatra (Handel), Cherubino (Mozart's "Figaro"), Semiramide (Rossini), "La Diva" (Satie's "La Diva del Empire"), Carmen (Bizet), Conception (Ravel's "L'heure Espagnole"), Caesar and Delila (Avidan's two sharp-witted parodies, set to music by Joan

George Singer directed with concentrated energy, and the ensemble reacted satisfactorily. The Mozart comedy gave Stella Richmond and Silvia Greenberg much opportunity to show off their voices and their ability for coloratura singing, and both were excellent, almost making us forget the rather silly plot and the childish over-acting. Nissim Taggar and Tiber Herdan provided the foil for the ladies' competition and fitted well into the general picture. Here, too, the orchestra under George Singer performed ably and reliably, though the evening as a whole was not an event of which the Ensemble can be truly proud.

YOHANAN ROEHM

SINGER Adi Etzion and her husband—musical collaborator, pianist Yonathan Zak, presented a Purim performance of excerpts from operas as well as some Israeli vocal works (Tel-Aviv Museum, March 18). Singing a succession of 11 numbers, in 10 changes of costume and make-up, Adi Etzion acted all the parts and achieved a true *tour de force*. Mobilizing all her energy and temperament she personified, with varying degrees of success, such

IN A PURIM MOOD

different types as Cleopatra (Handel), Cherubino (Mozart's "Figaro"), Semiramide (Rossini), "La Diva" (Satie's "La Diva del Empire"), Carmen (Bizet), Conception (Ravel's "L'heure Espagnole"), Caesar and Delila (Avidan's two sharp-witted parodies, set to music by Joan

Franks-Williams), Sarina (Gershwin's "Fanny and Jess"), and finally Jenny (Wells' "Mahogany"). Rossini's Love Duets (featuring two amorous cats) with Mr. Zak himself singing one of the parts, closed the colourful programme. Miss Etzion's vocal achievements ranged from excellent to less satisfactory.

which was only natural in view of the great range of styles, idioms and vocal techniques and the hectic tempo of the show.

Mr. Zak revealed himself as a most charming confederate. In addition to his excellent contribution as accompanist he also provided one of the funniest numbers of the evening: a simple Purim tune "dressed up" in the styles of Couperin, Beethoven, Schubert, Liszt and Ragtime.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

By DONALD SANDERS

1,000 Shakespeare scholars

WASHINGTON. — Some 1,000 scholars from all over the world will convene in Washington next month to explore the works of the greatest English dramatist at the International Shakespeare Association Congress.

The Shakespeare birthday lecture on April 23 will be delivered by Nobel prize-winner Jorge Luis Borges of Argentina. Now blind, Borges has written poetry, short stories and essays and has been a vocal proponent of political liberty. More than a score of other distinguished scholars, writers and others are on the

programme: British journalist Alistair Cooke, Lord Hailsham, former Lord Chancellor, Anthony Burgess, the novelist, critic and biographer.

Perhaps a third of the sessions during the period April 19-23 will be open to the public. Most of the scholarly seminars are reserved for official delegates, who will come from all over the world with a preponderance — because of travel requirements — from the United States. Second in size will be a group

from the Shakespeare Society of Japan.

The International Shakespeare Association was organized in 1971, and this will be its first congress. The international meetings are planned for every five years. Most sessions will be held in a downtown hotel, but there will be events at the Folger Shakespeare Library on Capitol Hill, which houses the world's largest collection of material about Shakespeare and his contemporaries.

The American Film Institute at the Kennedy Centre will show films including Richard Burton's "Hamlet" and Orson Welles' "Othello." There will be performances of Elizabethan music. On the final day, there will be an interfaith communion at Washington Cathedral.

Actress Eugenia Rawn will present "An Evening with Fanny Kemble," one of the great actresses of the Victorian period, at the Folger. The Library's company will produce "Henry V" and American University will present an experimental version of "Twelfth Night."

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THE LADY OF THE PUSHKES

By JUDY SIGGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter



Yetty Schlusberg

— one of her regular haunts — asked her to leave (perhaps because of the Arab boycott). Yetty rounded up her "girlfriends," who emptied their accounts, marched over to the competing bank across the street and set

up shop collecting for Israel. — Living on social Security, she refuses to migrate to warmer climes and safer streets in Florida like many retired Jews from New York. "There's no action there," she explains. "It's much easier to collect in New York."

SOME TIME AGO, Yetty's granddaughter, who lives in Givatayim, wrote to President Katsir and asked if he would receive the "pushke lady" during her second trip to Israel. To everyone's surprise, the whole family was invited to the President's study for *hamantaschen* and tea.

"I feel like Golda Meir," joked Yetty. "We both had cataract operations at the same time. She has done what she can, and I do what I can. If you give, then God gives back."

Reports of waste and inefficiency in Israel haven't dampened Yetty's enthusiasm and energy for collecting. "There are things wrong with every country," she says. "I get naches from coming here and watching the children grow and the buildings go up."

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS / JOANNA YEHIEL

Hair today, gone tomorrow

GETTING RID of what the magazines call "unsightly" hair is a rare, but, especially here, where most of us go bare-legged and bare-armed for about nine months of the year, and are in a swim-suit most days of the summer, it's something the majority of us, even the most bearded, do.

What's the best method? Short of getting about the whole thing, the easiest method is probably straightforward shaving, using your husband's (or father's) razor (don't forget to clean it afterwards). But, the thicker the hair grows back, until you end up virtually having every morning, like he does, and you run the possibility of cutting yourself too, ending up with smooth but scarred — legs.

What other ways are there? Probably the most popular is using a depilatory cream, which one rubs on with aspartula, waits five to 10 minutes, then rinses off again, leaving the hair to fall out, painless, and relatively cheap — Depilan's larger tube, which gives about enough to use twice for legs only costs IL5.90, on also make a depilatory cream or IL6, or IL1.90 for the large size, at this is difficult to get hold of as it is not sold in shops at present, but is



The Perma-twix machine.

only available from Lon's house-to-house salesgirls. Depilatory cream is easy to use, but it has two drawbacks. One is small; I have yet to find one without a vaguely unpleasant odour, which seems to cling for the rest of the day. The other is that regrowth is almost as fast as it is with shaving.

WAXING is what I recommend as the best of all methods — if you can stand the pain. It is quick, it lasts a long time (at the hairdresser's where it's usually done they will tell you it's good for three months, but I

reckon it's nearer two), and so even if it costs from IL15 a time, it works out relatively inexpensive... and, an important aspect, less hair grows back, not more. Waxing means tearing the hair out at the roots, (sounds horrible) and it does hurt, for the few seconds it takes, so you have to decide how much of a coward you are.

There are also some professional beauticians, who will remove hair permanently by electrolysis, but make sure they are experts. It is a very expensive process as each hair root is killed individually, and it is more often used for facial hair than for leg hair. But if you are a swimming fiend, or if you feel your legs are always stubbly, then perhaps it's worth making the outlay for peace of mind for the rest of the year.

For your information, there is now on sale in Israel a small electrical (battery-run) hair remover pencil, which the importers claim removes hair "almost" permanently. Made in the U.S. it is called Perma-twix, and is intended to be used at home for face or body hair. It kills hair at the roots — and costs IL300.50, from D.D. Export-Import, P.O.B. 10223, Tel Aviv. I'm sorry, I haven't tried it out — I couldn't afford it.

A certain conviction

AT THE CINEMA
JACK LEON

not helped by Barbara Turner's original screenplay, in which much of the dialogue between the lovers is in monosyllables, with Natalie Wood ending most of her brief utterances with a giggle. Otherwise, she does

carry a certain conviction in the role of a woman disabled by polio, who has overcome her handicap sufficiently to lead a full life within the narrow confines of her wealthy and dotting San Francisco family, and a successful career in pop music; and she is at first afraid to jeopardise everything she has so patiently built up, to enter into what could be just a passing affair.

Also on the credit side in this stylish piece is the evidence of cheap sentiment throughout the film, right down to the denouement, which is much more credible for rejecting the conventional "happy end."

The Affair Gordon, Tel Aviv), is a third film currently showing in Tel Aviv in which the heroine is a young woman with a physical handicap, the others being "A Window to the Sky" and "Sunshine." This one is the story of a first love affair of a crippled songwriter, aged about 30, and a recently-divorced lawyer, Theopomp Wood, whom it is ice to see Jack on the screen after a absence of five years, and her ex-life husband Robert Wagner.

Director Gilbert Cates gives the subject rather novelistic treatment, though the movie does have a few genuinely touching scenes. He is

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Study group wants to rocket fines for traffic violations

Rises of up to 1,500 per cent in fines for traffic offences are included in the recommendations submitted recently to the Transport and Justice Ministers by a committee appointed in December to study the existing fines-structure. Transport Minister Gad Ya'acobi said he will soon take up the proposals with Justice Minister Haim Zadok.

The committee, headed by Tel Aviv Traffic Court Judge Zvi Nussenblatt, was set up after the law on offences carrying an automatic fine was amended to raise the maximum fine

from IL100 to IL750. The new fines recommend include:

- IL150 (instead of the present IL20) for failure to observe signs indicating no-entry, no-turn, speed-limits, and no parking in areas reserved for buses only.
- IL200 (instead of IL20) for failure to observe no-passing and don't-cross-white-line signs.
- IL100 (instead of IL15) for failure to obey sundry other signs.
- IL150 for illegal parking and IL80 for illegal standing, rising to IL120 for such offences in higher-fine zones. Towing away would involve an additional IL80 fine.

Fines would also go up sharply for operators of public transport vehicles.

- For buses the committee recommends: IL250 (instead of IL25) for failure to clean a bus; IL500 (instead of IL100) for charging fares without a licence; IL100 (instead of IL25) for talking while driving; IL200 (instead of IL30) for drivers or conductors who give improper answers to passengers' questions; and IL250 (instead of IL30) for drivers who leave their buses before the last of their passengers.

In addition, anyone who drops rubbish in a bus would be fined IL100 (instead of IL10), while anyone who throws anything from a bus would be fined IL150 (instead of IL10).

- For taxi drivers, the committee recommends fines of IL250 (instead of IL25) for anyone carrying passengers in an unmarked cab, with another IL250 (instead of IL25) for failure to mark the cab; IL300 (instead of IL75) for failure to take a passenger; and IL100 for failure to give a receipt for a fare, if asked (this offence was not previously punishable). There would also be a fine of IL100 (instead of IL25) for failure to display the driver's name and address in the cab.

The committee also recommended that in a number of offences which at present carry automatic fines, offenders be required to appear in court. The offences include:

- Failure to observe stop, slow-down or yield-right-of-way signs.
- Failure to obey a policeman's instructions.
- Lack of lights, and production of excessive exhaust or noise.

Clean sweep by Porsches at Sebring

SEBRING, Florida. — Al Holbert and Michael Keyser, teamed in a Porsche Carrera on Saturday night to win the 12 hours of Sebring, oldest endurance race in north America.

Holbert, a 28-year-old Pennsylvania car dealer, and Keyser, a film producer the same age from Maryland, completed 230 laps over the 5.2-mile Sebring Airport Road course to average 99.66 miles an hour.

They finished two laps ahead of the second place car, an ex-Holbert Porsche co-driven by John Gunn of Miami and Carson Baird of Maryland.

Third was a Porsche Carrera entered by Mexicans Roberto Gonzales and Roberto Quintanilla, three laps behind the leaders.

Only one factory team, a pair of BMW CSL coupes, was on hand for the 25th running of the 12 hours of Sebring, a race once hallmarked by intense competition between the factory teams of Ferrari, Ford, Maserati, Alfa-Romeo and Porsche. Victimized by endless mechanical difficulties, the BMW effort was swept from the field by a tidal wave of independent Porsche entries that filled nine of the top 10 positions.



The new 'A-112' Autobianchi marketed by Lancia in Israel provides thrifty transport at 15-16 km. to the litre. The racy mini is reputed to do up to 140 k.p.h. — but at that clip don't expect the same economical consumption.

Compact, close, but not a dwarf Lancia markets Autobianchi's economical mini in 2 models

By ZEEV SCHUL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Any car that can turn out 15-16 kilometres to the litre, seat four adults in relative comfort and still sell for less than IL60,000 is worth looking at these days — especially when it comes wrapped in as handsome a body as Autobianchi's "A-112" series.

The new mini, marketed here by Lancia representatives "TALCAR" (on Rehov HaMasger), consists of a Fiat 127 engine (903 cc) with a specially designed body. The combination attempts to combine the thrifty and incredibly lively (for its size) Fiat engine with some fine bodywork.

Our test-drive vehicle was the standard model. This 3-door cross between an estate car and a coupe costs IL57,450 — plus taxes, safety belts and trimmings. (The basic price is IL20,350 with IL37,100 taxes.)

Our first impression of the A-112's exterior earned it high marks. It is compact without being a dwarf. Its lines are a bit conservative, if anything, but then Autobianchi, like its parent plant, Fiat, has a reputation for sticking to its guns.

Road tests usually go into a good many details of interior measurements. Let me put it this way: I was about 20 kilos overweight and stand at just under 1.80 metres (in my shoes). With these measurements and the driver's seat pushed as far back as it would go I found the seat contours a bit off, a close fit and the padded sporty steering wheel in my lap. But the accelerator pedal, the brake and clutch pedals were all comfortably far away. There was enough space there to prevent any mix up even by a camel footed driver.

ELEGANT VERSION

I did not like the straight-backed frozen position of the seat but was told that the E (for elegant, version, about IL3,000 more) features a fully reclining front seat, cloth upholstery instead of the austere but practical black vinyl and a tachometer — which I can do without. I'd rather have a clock or a radio for that money.

The generously sized speedometer incorporates a series of warning lights — oil pressure, battery, lights and a fuel gauge. There is an extra oil warning light.

The rear seats — reached by folding the front seats — are comfortable, but with my cap on I found myself bouncing against the ceiling. Then again leg space was adequate, even with the driver's seat pushed back all the way. The back of the rear seat folds forward for heavy or bulky loads and cargo access is via the hinged-to-roof wide rear door.

Main drawbacks of interior: The tight position of the steering wheel and the low ceiling in the back.

Driving the Autobianchi is probably more enjoyable than being driven in it. It is a typical Italian product — racy in spite of its pint sized engine and with a response that left many bigger and much more expensive mechanical Bebe-moths way behind.

The gear is a typical Fiat product as well. I seem to remember it from the "500" model. It has the same massive stick and large round knob which could have served a truck. But it is, mechanically, beyond reproach with short strokes separating the gears and an even cleaner separation of the reverse. It can be mastered at first try.

ELASTIC COMBINATION

The motor-gear combination is elastic: with the first gear pulling you up into the 30 kph range, the second over 60 and the third up to a maximum permissible 95. Top speed should be around 140 kph. We didn't dare more than 120 on the Haifa road but it was a bad day. The road was wet and there were high winds which gave us a good buffeting now and then.

Engine noise was subdued. The car is well sealed and there is no need to shout at 100 kph or even higher speeds. Road holding is good but the suspension seemed a bit bumpy. The brakes could also be improved. This is understandable considering the diminutive size of the wheels and is probably the reason why I would drive this car at the recommended highway speeds (80-90 kph) although it can do much better than that and is safe in overtaking at more than 100 kph.

It is a nice little town car. I wouldn't drive it to Eilat (because I'd be uncomfortable) but someone weighing twenty kilos less might enjoy the trip. It's an excellent second car, and a good thrifty first one for those who still have small families.

There is one other version of the A-112 available, in addition to the E. For the sporty types there is the Abarth A-112 retailing around IL70,000 (including everything) expensive for a car of this size.

You get a souped-up engine — a cast-iron engine block with a nitrided crankshaft and twin carburetors not to mention light alloy wheels, heated rear window and, most important of all, servo-assisted brakes up front.

There is a whole row of instruments including an electronic rev counter and, to make the right steering noises, a twin exhaust. Top speed is better than 160 kph.

and acceleration is said to be sensational. Considering the excellent performance of the regular no frills model I accept that claim without challenge.

Its performance reminds me of the fellow who put an over-sized engine into his little Fiat 500 — added special gears, tyres, and then spent his Sundays on the Strada del Sole, that incomparable super-highway, racing flabbergasted fellow Italians. I could never understand why. There are two endings to this story. In one version a blown tyre blew our friend right into kingdom come and in another, the police unbushed him — and imposed an enormous fine for making unauthorised change to his vehicle.

HEIR TO TOPOLINO

Autobianchi is of course a direct descendant of the unrivalled "Topolino" of the late thirties. Streamlined then, a two seater with the prototype of the staunch 500 cc engine which is still running around in thousands of variations to this very day, Fiat's Topolino endeared itself with such added comforts as a sliding canvas roof. And it was of course very economical to run and maintain. It was also rugged and lasted. The Topolino was the first of its kind. There had been Hansoms in Germany during the late twenties and there was to be Vespa of the immediate post war era, not to mention the collection of three and four wheeled scooters, predominantly of German manufacture.

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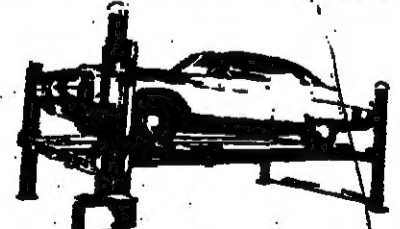
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By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Avis is now Number 1 in the car rental field in Israel, says general manager Shimon Danai. "But in spite of this we will continue to try harder," he adds. Avis began its operations in Israel in 1964. But only with the increase in tourism after the Six Day War and the transfer of the company's management directly to the international mother company did business grow. Starting with a fleet of 80 cars, Avis expects to have more than 900 automobiles this summer.

Shimon Danai, 38, a native of Israel, made it to the top in a very short time — three years. He has the looks of an athlete, and in fact he was Israel's champion short-distance runner in youth. He became a sportsman after completing a course at the Wingate College. Later he went to the City University of New York to earn a Master's degree in business administration.

NAMED MANAGER
He started working for Avis in New York in 1970 came back to work for the firm in Israel. In November 1973, when the Israeli manager of Avis Vincent Genouese, was promoted to vice president and general manager of Avis International Shimon Danai was appointed general manager in his place.

According to Avis president Co-Marshal the Israel branch last year was the most profitable in the European division. In appreciation of this it was decided that the International Conference of Avis should be held in Israel.

Mr. Danai believes that the two things going for the firm are its name and the good service it gives. He is also one of the few managers in the country who seems to be happy with his staff. "Our employees are average, there are no super-the-table extras, the hours are sometimes long, but just the way we have excellent people, who are doing a good job and helping the company."

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This sort of attitude pays off to the benefit of customers. The work-force responsible for keeping the cars in top condition is a good example. One evening last week a foreign journalist called us in Tel Aviv from Herzliya, saying that he had a car that did not start. He was in charge of a dinner at his home. He stopped in mid-drive to Herzliya, took the car to Tel Aviv and gave it to us. More than an hour later he went back home to his dinner.

Today the Israel branch has 17 cars with 140 full-time employees. It is divided between the Tel Aviv and the local market 65 to 35 per cent. Part of the tourists in local currency and others in foreign currency. In 1975 Israel brought in about



Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Volvo recently introduced its new medium-class car, the 343 DL (above), which will arrive here in September.

Made at the Dal plant (which Volvo bought) the car will have a 1397cc, 70 HP motor and a Dal

variomatic transmission. The new car is said to have high safety standards, a good distribution of weight and a turning radius of 9.2 metres. It can accelerate from 0 to 80 k.p.h. in 10 seconds. It will sell for just over IL100,000.

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on gas. But we were pleasantly surprised; we did 14 kms. to the litre! With a fuel tank capacity of some 50 litres, you have a range of 650 kms. Although this is not exactly world shattering, taken together with all the other advantages of the Subaru, it's very good!



Subaru 4 WD Station 1400 cc.



The Subaru is worth more than it costs

Here are some details from "Road Test." The well-known American car magazine "Road Test" selected the Subaru GF as Car of the Year. This was done following vigorous and extensive road tests, which are normal in the United States. Data on the tests were published on pages 48-53 of issue no. 48750 under the headline "Fuji Howl Industries Adds a Fifth Gear to its Coupe and Produces the Most Adaptable Car Ever Built Outside the United States."

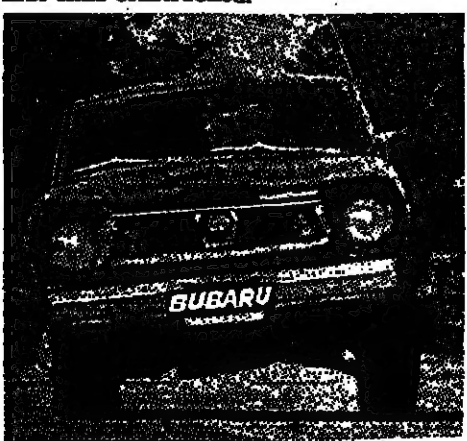
Ask any group of people in the United States of America to name five Japanese cars marketed in this country, and the odds are that not one of them will think of the Subaru. That's not altogether surprising, considering the small amount of marketing publicity carried out by this company. A pity! Because the Subaru is worth much more than it costs — much more than any other imported car.

The Standard Bearer of the Subaru models this year is the GF Coupe, which comes equipped with a 1361 cc engine, 4 water-cooled cylinders, front-wheel drive, independent suspension on all wheels and 5 gears (the GF also comes in an automatic version).

This is in addition to many other accessories which are standard in the Subaru, such as dashboard radio, 2-speed windshield wipers, lighter, revolution counter and others. These accessories are counted as "extras," to be paid for, in any other imported car. The "Rabbit" for example.

Such accessories are taken for granted in luxury cars such as the Modena, whose price is \$12,000. Is it not surprising that the same accessories are accepted as standard in a car like the Subaru whose price is less than \$4,000 (\$3,747)?

No matter how fast we went or how abruptly we stopped in a gruelling series of road tests, the Subaru took it all in its stride. A friend who drove the car through a particularly muddy and swampy stretch of road more suitable for a motor cycle, told me "This is the finest 4-wheeled motor cycle I've ever driven." In town, the Subaru is quiet, handles easily, and is a particular pleasure on inter-urban journeys. On the highway, you won't get the slightest hint that you are at the wheel of a car as sturdy as a tank. The fact that the GF can do all this without a squeak, rattle, shake or any other sign, is in itself proof of its first class construction.



The Subaru GF being put through its paces by the "Road Test" crew.

Actually, the first model of the Subaru 1000 cc was fitted with a steering wheel of the type found in a Mercedes. It was discontinued because it was too expensive and not fully appreciated by its owners. The solid and sophisticated build of the GF places it among the most advanced cars, and the fact that Fuji Howl this year produced a Subaru station with

drive on all 4 wheels (SUPERSTAR), and next year plans to bring out the 4-WD family car (front-wheel drive or drive on all 4 wheels), shows that the designers of Subaru are at the top of the tree.



A powerful engine sturdy as a tank

Looking under the bonnet of the GF, you might think that the engine is not in its proper place. It's constructed like the engine of any of the racing cars you see on the race tracks — with a gear box like that on a racing car, compact, as befits a 1400, and easy to get at. Looking after the engine — electrical system, starter, daily maintenance — is extremely simple. Despite its small size — 58 hp at 5200 rpm (at 8800 rpm the engine develops 98 hp!) this engine is special even in the context of imported engines, and is of higher quality than those produced locally (U.S.A.).

The independent suspension system on each wheel in the GF is unusual, particularly the rear system. It is sturdy and strong and stands up well to shocks on the worst type of roads. After a full day's running-in, we washed the suspension inside and out. We found that they had absorbed every knock on the road as though we had travelled the whole day over an inter-urban highway — no squeaks, no grinding, no shocks. It simply did what it had to do.



The Subaru is a world car

A car is not only a mixture of mechanical parts just waiting for a driver to get in and drive it away. Because of this approach, many technically sophisticated cars, whose seats break your back and whose operating switches are in inaccessible places, have failed miserably. Subaru is not in this category.

Despite the fact that the Subaru is an original Japanese design, we are certain that a country used to driving around in Chevrolets can get used to driving the GF, which is a "World Car" — as distinct from other imported cars. The interior of the Subaru is of high standard and typically Japanese; the seats are vinyl-covered, in various patterns — our test model had seats in brown and a dark brown dashboard. The interior and exterior design is all one style, with the accent on the practical — the driver can easily reach any switch or accessory. Herein lies the greatness of the Subaru. A few seconds are all that are needed to get accustomed to the visible handles and buttons, and they're within easy reach. No driver will find it difficult to find the switches for the wind-shield wipers or ventilator (and when one speaks of interior ventilation, the Subaru has no peer). The ventilator supplies enough air to satisfy the most insatiable fresh-air fiend.

The seats are like those in a Honda, and give plenty of leg room. They are reclining and may also be moved forward. The rear seats are spacious and suitable for persons of average height on short journeys. (Generally 80 in coupe-type cars). Excellent for children. Entry and exit are normal for a small car of the GF type coupe, which means easy for front-seat passengers, a little more dif-

cult for back-seat passengers (in this case, the Subaru DL family car is recommended).



The Subaru is equipped with all the prestigious accessories of a luxury car, and driving it is a royal pleasure!

Being low slung, the car may give the impression that the driver's vision is restricted. This is not the case. First class planning by Subaru's engineers enables the driver to see exactly what's going on all around. The only fault we found was that the back of the car is rather high, which makes itself felt in reversing. The high back does have its compensation, for it makes for a larger capacity boot.



Exact steering, stability, adaptability and comfort

Just looking at the car does not give any indication of its outstanding capabilities and performance. If you're thinking of a Japanese coupe with loose steering, grinding gears and a feeling as though you're driving a '57 Chevrolet — then think again!

The steering on the GF is absolutely accurate, and the gears are as smooth and exact as a watch — no jumping or other tendencies. Ease to operate switches makes for easy and trouble-free driving. The steering wheel is in exactly the right position (a front-wheel drive car needs a well positioned wheel for full control over difficult roads).



The Subaru goes like a mountain goat over ploughed fields.

In town, the GF is all you'd like it to be — adequate turning circle, smooth working clutch and gear box. There's no excessive swing on corners, and the quality of the suspension gives you the feeling that you're driving a large, elegant American car. Wind noise whilst driving is almost nil.



4-door The Subaru DL 1400 cc, Price: IL64,900



Surprisingly economical on fuel

At the high revolution speed of the GF engine, we thought that it would be heavy



We chose the Subaru car of the year

We had no idea that the GF Coupe would be so successful, particularly as far as engine adaptability and comfortable riding are concerned. We went over roads that weren't roads with the ease of a mountain goat. These characteristics are very important in a car, and because they are lacking in so many others, we chose the Subaru as Car of the Year.

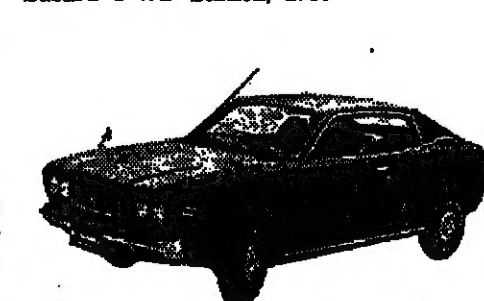
If this surprises you, take this imported car (priced below \$4,000) over the worst imaginable roads and put it through the same gruelling tests as we did with our Subaru — and you won't be so surprised.



Mini Subaru, 4-door, 5 passengers

As far as Israel is concerned, comparison between Subaru models and similar high-performance cars, leads us to the conclusion that the Subaru is the lowest priced car, taking into consideration its performance, low maintenance costs and fuel economy. Now the Subaru 100 has arrived. Here are some Subaru prices:

- Subaru 1400, 2-door, IL61,600
- Subaru DL family, 4-door, IL64,900
- Subaru 1400 Station, IL67,760
- Subaru Hard-top Coupe 1400, IL69,450
- Subaru 1600 Automatic, 4-door, IL72,250
- Subaru Hard-top Coupe 1600, automatic, IL75,300
- Mini Subaru, 4 door
- Subaru 4 WD Station, 1400



Subaru automatic 1600, 4-door. Price: IL72,250

A final word — before you buy a car, test it thoroughly, and only then make your final choice. There's no doubt that if you are objective and compare correctly, the Subaru will be at the top of your list.

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Bulgars short of repairmen, spare parts

By JOHN DORNBERG

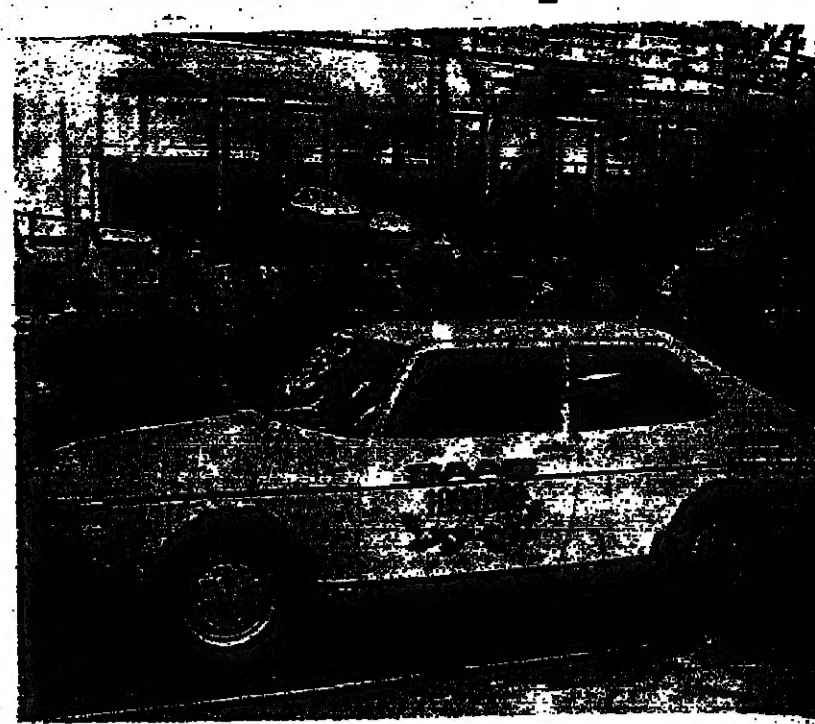
MUNICH. — Bulgaria, which is just on the threshold of the automotive age, with some 390,000 privately registered cars, or one automobile for every 22 people, reports its problems in getting and repairing vehicles.

Its biggest tire plant, in Vidin, was supposed to produce 140,000 tires last year but turned out only 85,000. The Kostov factory in Sofia was supposed to make 1,500 generators for Soviet and Polish-manufactured Volgas and Wartasas during the first quarter of 1975, but produced only 100.

And after lengthy discussion, the Svetitsa plant in the town of Stara Zagora is supposed to start manufacturing spare headlights for Fiat-Zagoras this year. But there is a minor obstacle to the start of production. The factory can't get any glass.

Bulgarian motorists with broken headlights have been advised to restrict their driving to daylight hours.

Millionth Saab produced



Earlier this month, the millionth car Saab came off the production line in Sweden. The car above, a Saab 900 coupé, was given as a present to the Swedish Road Safety Organization, to be used in road tests. There are about 3,000 Saabs of all types on the road in Israel, according to the company's representative, Ya'akov Yehel.

Shock posters campaign in U.K. to promote use of seat belts

By CHRIS ANDREWS

LONDON. — Instinctively upon entering a car one shuts the door. It should be just as instinctive to fasten one's seat belt after shutting the door. In Israel, the law requiring seat belts is limited, and even then often disregarded.

This is the message Britain's Ministry of Transport has put across to car owners in an effort to cut down the road accident death toll.

In a campaign to promote the wearing of seat belts, the Ministry published several shock posters of genuine accident victims to illustrate the consequences one could suffer simply for not taking an extra three seconds to harness one's self to the seat.

Disc jockey Jimmy Savile assisted the campaign on television. Each night he introduced road accident victims recovering in hospital to millions of viewers.

The organizers of the campaign, which cost the Government £725,000, have coined the phrase "Clunk, Click every trip," an easy, catchy slogan for any car user to bear in mind. "Clunk" is for the noise of the shutting door and "Click" the securing of the seat belt. What is important, drivers are urged, is that this action should take place on every trip, whether it be down the road to the local shops or a long journey of 300 kilometers.

One of the victims was an athlete. He drove thousands of kilometers, including a European tour, always wearing his seat belt. But one day he didn't bother. Fifty metres from his home on a short journey, he was involved in an accident. He was thrown from his seat and broke his neck.

A 52-year-old woman was not wearing her seat belt when she was thrown through the windshield of a car. She had to have 46 stitches in facial injuries, her forehead was damaged, and she has a muscular disorder.

Several young attractive girls who were thrown through windshields were featured in the campaign. There was the 19-year-old passenger seat girl who suffered multiple lacerations of the face and head; a 23-year-old who received severe facial cuts and the young nurse on her way home from night duty who suffered head injuries.

The Ministry hoped these shock pictures would cause people to react by saying "I'm not going to let that happen to me."

These tactics have had an effect. In the north of England after the campaign was launched for four months, there was a marked increase in the numbers of seat belt wearers. Whereas about 12 per cent of car drivers and 14 per cent of passengers used to wear belts, there were up to 30 per cent in both categories.

In 1970 a nationwide survey was conducted by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory to illustrate the need to wear belts. In that year the number of people killed in cars and light vans who were wearing seat belts totalled 124. Those killed not wearing them were over 2,000. People seriously injured who were wearing belts numbered over 2,300, while those not wearing them numbered over 29,000.

The Transport Minister, Mr. John Peyton, said: "Drivers who still don't take the trouble to fasten their seat belts can have no idea what a car crash is really like. Most people accept that wearing seat belts is sensible, but for one reason or another they do not put

He hoped the campaign would encourage them to do so. He point-



If only I'd worn my seat belt.

protect themselves and their families," said the Minister. He added "It takes a matter of seconds not to get into a seat belt. It takes good deal longer to recover from the consequences of not doing so."

Australia, which was the first country to demand seat belt wearing by law imposes a 20 dollar on-the-spot fine for drivers and passenger seat occupants who do not comply.

The state of Victoria took its lead in January 1971 in making seat belt wearing compulsory as by the following December there was a 15 per cent drop in road fatalities. Prior to that the Australian College of Surgeons had conducted a survey in the State over a three month period. It showed that 94 per cent of those killed in motor accidents were not wearing seat belts.

In New Zealand legislation has been in force since July. Britain wants to avoid such legislation possible.

So for the time being the Ministry of Transport will be counting on car users to Clunk and Click on every trip.

Car sales down in 1975

By ERMIE MEYER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The rate of increase in Israel's fleet of motor vehicles slowed down to 3 per cent last year, compared with 10 to 15 per cent in preceding years. At the end of 1975 the country had 418,000 motor vehicles of all types, a total increase of only 11,000 over 1974, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. (At the end of 1973 there were 371,000 motor vehicles.)

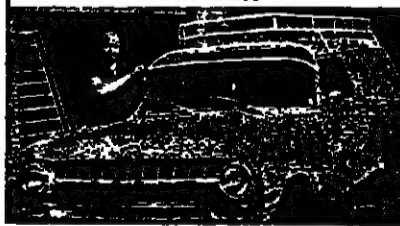
Of the 418,000 motor vehicles at the end of last year, 280,000, or 67 per cent, were private passenger cars.

Registration of new passenger cars last year came to 19,500, half the number of 1974. New truck registration dropped from some 12,000 in 1974 to about 7,000 last year.

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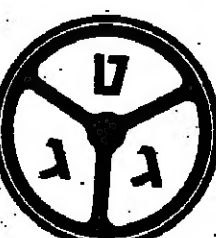
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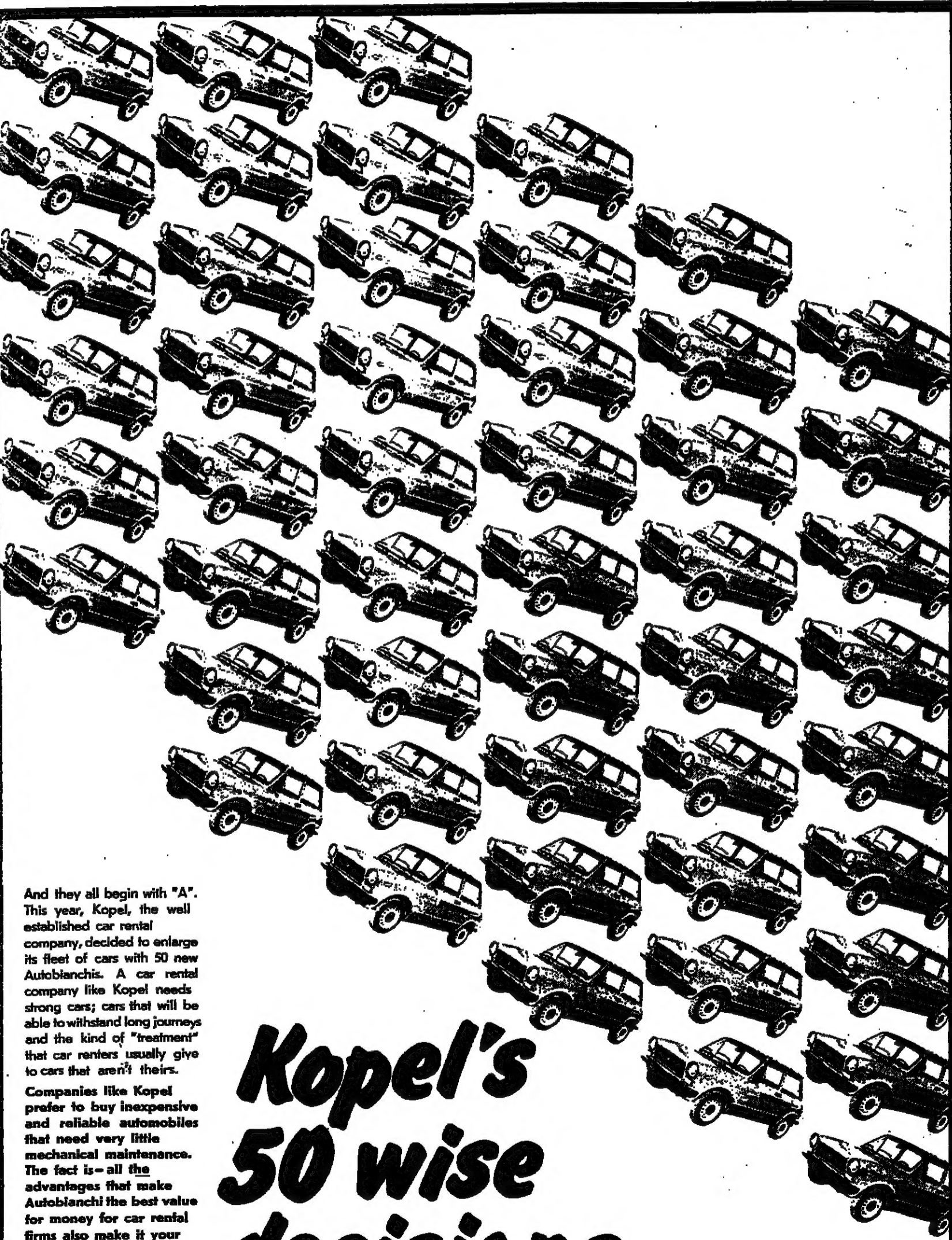
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Underground Soviet Jewish art



Photographs of paintings by 12 Leningrad Jewish artists were recently smuggled out of the Soviet Union. The pictures were taken at an underground exhibition held in Leningrad in the flat of one of the artists, Evgeny Abegmas, who painted the above work. An exhibition of the photographs is now being shown by the San Francisco Bay Area Council on Soviet Jewry.

THE JEWS OF RHODESIA

AS THE AFRICAN spotlight moves from Angola to Rhodesia, an existing Jewish community becomes directly involved. There could have been a community in Angola (where Marranos from Portugal had settled in the 16th and 17th centuries) had a plan prepared by the Jewish Territorial Organisation to settle Jews there shortly before World War I proved successful. However, the Portuguese government of that time refused to grant a concession to a Jewish organization and the scheme fell through.

Rhodesia is a different story. Today there are 4,500 Jews in the country, of whom 2,700 live in the capital, Salisbury, and 1,800 in Bulawayo with a few more in small communities (Gatooma, Gwelo, Que Que). The two major communities were both established in the last decade of the 19th century (individual Jews had arrived somewhat earlier and some participated in the occupation column sent by Cecil Rhodes in 1890). The early settlers came up from the south or via the east coast. They originated from two main sources: the majority were of Russian (especially Lithuanian) origin and there was also a sizeable Sephardi influx hailing (apparently coincidentally) from Rhodes. In the years immediately before World War II, they were joined by several hundred refugees from Nazi Germany.

Up to this time, the main occupations were petty trading and small shopkeeping. But the Jews also pioneered in various aspects of industry, in the hotel business, etc. On the outbreak of war, they numbered about 3,000. The war itself was a period of prosperity for Rhodesia when it developed extensive manufacturing capacity. Its raw materials fetched good prices on the world market, while the posting of many servicemen in Rhodesia boosted its economy still further.

Interesting facts on the development of the Jewish community in post-war Rhodesia are contained in a paper by Barry A. Kosmin given at the last World Congress of Jewish

Studies (his main study was demographic but it incorporates important general information). White immigration was encouraged after the war (although a quota system was introduced to ensure the continuing predominance of the British element in the white population). The advent to power of the Afrikaner Nationalists in South Africa in 1948 impelled many young South Africans, including a high proportion of Jews, to move to what was then the comparatively liberal climate of Rhodesia. Many of these left Rhodesia after the break up in the early 1960s of the federation with what were then Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) and Nyasaland (Malawi) presaged a darker future, but nevertheless in 1968 over a fifth of the Rhodesian Jewish community was South African born.

THE JEWISH SCENE

Geoffrey Wigoder

British Jews also went to Rhodesia in the framework of the general immigration from Britain, especially in the 1950s. The peak of Jewish population was in the early 1960s when over 7,000 Jews tended more and more to be concentrated in the two large towns. There was also a move away from independent retailing, catering for the African trade, to proprietorship of multiple stores and to managerial and supervisory positions in industry and finance. A surprise statistic is the comparatively high natural increase of Rhodesian Jews in the 1950s. Kosmin attributes it to the general prosperity and more secure fields of employment (which appeared so ironic only a few years later).

Middle Class

At that time, the Jewish population assimilated sociologically to the general population. The official policy of middle class liberalism, economic optimism and confident expansionism in all spheres was well

attuned, says Kosmin, to the aspirations of the increasingly professional and managerial Jewish population. In fact, in 1960 no fewer than five out of the 30 members of the Southern Rhodesia Legislative Assembly were Jews, while in the Federal Parliament there were four Jews including the Prime Minister Sir Roy Welensky and the Minister of Health and Education whose name was Benjamin Daisel Goldberg. Nearly all these parliamentarians were African or British born and by occupation professionals or industrialists. The opponents of the ruling United Federal Party, generally known as UFP, called it the "Jew FF." It is noteworthy that by 1968 when the right-wing Rhodesian Front constituted the government there were no Jewish cabinet ministers and the parliament had only three Jews out of 50 M.P.s. The only Jewish Senator (Mr. Joel Pinchus, a brother of the late Louis Pinchus) died recently. (However the right wing Party did attract substantial Jewish support which is understandable in view of Jewish affluence in the country.)

Since the early 1960s, the exodus from Central Africa has been more pronounced among Jews than among other Europeans. Two thousand Jews (many with young families) left Rhodesia after 1960 and many Jews in Zambia left at the same period. The Jew has suffered in the heightened political atmosphere, the conflict between political ideologies and the economic dislocation. It has not been difficult for them to find other homes — they have useful passports and are English speaking. Some have come to Israel: about 170 immigrated in 1962-5 but the number fell in 1965 when it was decreed that emigrants were only allowed to take £100 out of the country.

Mention should be made of the excellent communal organization of Rhodesian Jewry centred in its Board of Deputies. It is also an intensely Zionist community and members contribute generously and are hungry for visitors from Israel.

According to the "Jewish Chronicle" the Jews of Rhodesia are staying put, but of course are acutely conscious of the deterioration in the situation. Jewish Rhodesians are serving with the forces, which are at present gearing themselves for intensified guerrilla attacks. Although in recent years the trend of the 1950s has been reversed in that many students have gone from Rhodesia to South Africa, there is no sudden increase in this direction. One major reason inhibiting anything like an exodus from Rhodesia is the continuing severe currency control.

IN MEMORIAM

Epitaph for a gentleman

SHMUEL ROSOFF, who died in Haifa three months ago, at the age of 75, was not only one of Israel's outstanding architects, but a most unusual man. His frequent Readers' Letters to The Post were perceptive, sensitive and eloquent comments on topical public issues from a man deeply concerned with them, and strongly committed to his own high ideals of morality in politics, economics, and social and religious affairs. He was never content with his views on public issues and never tried to spare anybody's feelings. Throughout his life he remained a political outsider.

Shmuel (Mulla) Rosoff was born in St. Petersburg, today Leningrad, where he and his three sisters grew up in a home in which the spirit of Western culture meshed with the Zionism of Theodor Herzl. One of his classmates at school was Vladimir Nabokov who remained a lifelong friend. After the 1917 Revolution the family emigrated to Britain and young Rosoff studied civil engineering and architecture in London. His father visited Eretz Israel several times and in 1924 the Rosoffs came here and settled in Haifa.

Rosoff first worked for Pinhas Rutenberg at the hydro-electric power station at Naharayim, and designed the first power house in Haifa. In 1930 he went into private practice and built a succession of private homes in the city. As his reputation grew he was commissioned to design buildings that have become landmarks: the Arnon Cinema, the Talpiot Market, the compound of residential houses for the British staffs of the oil companies, the headquarters of Solel Boneh and the Dan Carmel Hotel.

In 1940 Rosoff worked as a civilian garrison engineer for the British Army and during the War of Independence served as a construction engineer for the Israel Air Force. In the mid-sixties he served on the team of experts charged by Mayor Rabinovitch with preparing a new outline plan for the city (which has not yet been approved to this day).

Rosoff was a strongly self-critical and self-searching man. As an architect he tried hard to please the eye and the mind and rejected ostentation. "Less is more, and small is beautiful," he held, and believed that buildings should above all serve the needs of the people who were to use them. His honesty never allowed him to drift because he was so unconcerned for financial gain that he never accumulated enough money to build himself a home of his own. He died in a rented flat and left no material possessions.

His interests were intellectual and to all of them he brought an open mind, an idealistic and humanitarian outlook, and a strong sense of justice. At the personal level he was kind and courteous. He was deeply disturbed by the materialistic trend of Israeli society since the fifties. A fervent admirer of Jabotinsky, he was also an intensely patriotic man and could not forgive the Israelis who live here "with two passports in their pocket." He believed in Herzl's vision of a secular progressive state and an open society built on the fundamental tenets of humanism. In the pursuit of this vision he became an active and vocal member of the League for the Abolition of Religious Coercion.

Rosoff saw the Middle East as a geopolitical unit, its peoples united by the need for joint planning, economic and technological development, and the intellectual elite of the Israelis in moral duty bound to spearhead such a development. As a matter of justice and political wisdom Rosoff and his friend the late Eri Jabotinsky (son of Vladimir and a mathematics teacher at the Technion) demanded the return of the Maronites of Beirut and Eilat. He founded, with others, a political club called Kedem to disseminate these ideas and planned an economic Middle East paper to alert the self-centred Israeli reader to what was going on in the neighbouring countries in terms of physical and financial development.

Rosoff was the personification of a moral conscience. A sane, balanced society cannot afford to ignore such men.

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BRITAIN'S PROPOSED RACE RELATIONS LAW

Seeking a change in human behaviour

By GREVILLE JANNER QC MP

THE RACE RELATIONS ACT, 1968, makes it an offence to discriminate against any person on the ground of his "colour, race or national or ethnic origin." There is no mention of religion, no doubt because it would be unthinkable to make it an offence for Protestants or Catholics to discriminate one against the other. As for the Jews, in the original Parliamentary debates and thereafter, a succession of Ministers have proclaimed that we are a "race" and hence not to be discriminated against.

Still, the old Act had gaping loopholes, affecting the coloured immigrant minority far more than the Jews, but still preventing the law from achieving its full, egalitarian bite. For instance, in one famous case, the House of Lords held that a working men's club was entitled to exclude coloured people. It is a private club and may choose members as, where and how it sees fit.

Naturally, that which does not protect coloured people leaves Jews at risk. And golf club quotas continue.

More important: To convict of the offence of inciting race hatred, the prosecution must show "intent" — the intention to stir up trouble. The "intent" provision has not only caused the acquittal of some fascists but also the refusal of the Director of Public Prosecutions to prosecute others in respect of seditious publications. These have included the notorious "Did Six Million Really Die?" — a modern "Protocols of the Elders of Zion," written by an author under an apparent false name and/or alleging false credentials or both and which has achieved the dubious distinction of being translated into German and shipped back to the land where Nazism began.

TO MEET THESE and other weaknesses in the legislation, the British Government has now introduced a new Race Relations Bill. It is highly controversial.

On the one hand, there are those who argue that the law cannot change human nature; that forbidding people to be racist will only perpetuate ill-will by drawing frequent attention to it; and that additional legislation will do harm. On the other side are those who say: "It is not human nature that we should seek to change, but human behaviour." The existence of the law and its occasional enforcement will change the atmosphere and help to achieve fairer treatment for "coloured, racial, ethnic and national minorities."

The debate on the second reading (the first stage at which MPs are able to argue over the merits of a proposed law) followed expected paths. As usual, Government Ministers argued for change and for strengthening of the law — which will include the banning of discrimination in clubs and which (to no small extent due to the urgings of the Board of Deputies of British Jews) will also remove the "intent" requirement from incitement prosecutions.

The Opposition spoke of good-will; argued against change; but mainly abstained in the vote, rather than voting against — not least because it

recognises the new size and power of the immigrant vote, which is crucial in many constituencies.

Enoch Powell — still sitting for his Ulster South Down constituency — predictably thundered against the legal changes. He no longer uses those vivid images which appeared in his notorious "Rivers of blood" speech, with which his anti-immigrant campaign began. But Powell is a remarkable Parliamentary orator who not only spoke against the Bill but carried a number of his right-wing colleagues into the lobby against it.

The Bill was given its second reading by a vast majority and has now gone into its committee stage. Sitting in an upstairs room overlooking the Thames, the committee — reflecting as precisely as possible the balance of parties in the House as a whole — is now considering the Bill, clause by clause. It will then report its conclusions to the House; assuming that it is approved, it will then go through the same stages in the House of Lords; and it will probably become law by the summer.

MEANWHILE, Britain's most important but least publicised elections take place on May 6, in the majority of local authorities. As a result of a recent reorganisation, entire councils will come up for election, instead of the usual annual one-third. Among those vying for votes will be the odious National Front.

I do not believe that the National Front will win a single council seat. Whatever their resentment of the coloured influx (in Leicester, for instance, there are 50,000 Indians out of a population of 250,000, and they mainly live in a few, crammed parts of the city), the voters will not want violence in the streets, or race riots in the city centres. But in a time of high unemployment, housing shortages and social unrest, the extreme right is in a fine position to stir up hatred, even where "intent" is not provable against it.

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REGULAR DAILY BROADCASTS

First Programme

The boycott racket

THE ARAB boycott — whose sponsors are holding their 39th half-yearly consultations in Cairo this week — is pernicious to the cause of peace in the Middle East. At a time when Israel is being pressed to make concessions round a conference table it is disconcerting (to put it mildly) that the Arabs should go on zealously drawing up sinister, secret blacklists — of companies which do business even indirectly with Israel. It is even more disconcerting in the light of the fact that Egypt — as part of the interim agreement — undertook to moderate its support of the boycott policy and mechanism.

The American people oppose the boycott in principle. But an opinion gap is beginning to show between the general public in the U.S. and the administration. The man-in-the-street believes that all freedoms are indivisible, including the freedom to trade. The authorities are increasingly inclined to take a more tactical view. Boycott on grounds of race, religion, sex or colour is intolerable, they agree. But boycott based on political considerations is another matter.

This, of course, is the thin edge of the wedge. The rivalry to do business with Middle East sheikdoms in order to get back some of the petro-dollars that are pouring into Arab coffers is fierce. It exposes all the competing supplier countries to blackmail. Exporting firms are tempted to yield, because they are so eager to win the glittering prize.

But blackmail is immoral, and yielding to it is dangerous. The danger lies in all such failures to abide by the regulations. Once an exception is made, it becomes the rule. When a roughneck who threatens an airline passenger with a toy pistol gets away with hijacking the plane — his exploit gets to be all the rage.

The same applies to boycotts. It is not worth making a fuss — some businessmen will say — when the whole thing affects only one small East Mediterranean State. Perhaps not. But would it look such an empty fuss to an American if his own country were being boycotted — say, by European Governments covering before a Soviet behest?

The absurdity of the boycott is that it only works because the Arabs manage to apply the principle of divide and rule. If Western countries signed an international convention placing boycott operations — of every type — outside the law, the Arab bureau's campaign would collapse, and the whole problem would cease to exist.

The Israeli authorities are putting this to Dr. Hans Apel, now here on a visit. He is the Finance Minister of a country, Western Germany, which is more concerned than others with moral principles at the present time. Action to counter the Arab boycott is effective if taken collectively. The Common Market is a powerful association of States, of which Germany is perhaps the most powerful member.

If the EEC made a watertight decision that trade shall be free in all conditions and without exception, other countries would be relieved to conform with this initiative. And not only Israel would be the gainer.

North Americans in Israel

EVER SINCE it was formed in response to an advertisement in this newspaper 25 years ago, the Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel has been an instrument of self-help and activism among new immigrants. A.A.C.I. clubs sprang up, slowly but surely, wherever substantial concentrations of English-speaking immigrants took root. Providing ulpanim for those who were still novices in Hebrew, social gatherings for those who had not yet made Israeli friends, and counsellors for those who were entangled in the bureaucracy, the A.A.C.I. has helped ease the inevitable "absorption pains" felt by new settlers.

But, in the last few lean years of North American aliya, the A.A.C.I. has become, to a large extent, a social club for English-speakers, subsidized by the Absorption Ministry and the Jewish Agency. Its primary task — of integrating immigrants into the mainstream of Israeli society — has taken a secondary place. A.A.C.I. leaders, though generally devoted, are tired, and retired. They have found it easier to arrange lectures, tours, teas and cemetery plots than long-range integration programmes for the members.

Rather than blame Israeli bureaucrats for the emigration of many North Americans in the first three crucial years after aliya, the A.A.C.I. should examine its own responsibility for the failure. In doing so, the organization might perhaps consider changing its name, from its intimation of separateness and transience to a positive expression of belonging to Israel (say, the Association of Israelis from North America).

When the A.A.C.I.'s 25th anniversary convention opens in Beersheba this morning, the delegates would do well to put aside the petty squabbling and politicking that have troubled them in recent years, and focus their energies instead on how to attract — and keep — North American immigrants.

Dry Bones

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READERS' LETTERS

CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — It is surprising that despite the sorry spectacle of our inept political parties, we have not witnessed a nationwide outcry against our archaic political system which perpetuates these insensitive dinosaurs.
 Our political parties inhibit initiative; they are obstacles to the coming forward of young fresh leadership; and they have effectively emasculated the Knesset, the one national body through which citizens can take stands on issues.
 It is curious that citizens wishing to gain the ear of their representatives must come to Jerusalem and organize demonstrations.
 Therefore we must consider political reform — a change to constituency elections. Attempts at such reform have been made many times in the past. They all foundered on the same reef — such a change requires the support of Knesset members, many of whom draw their power from political parties which they control, and they are not about to place their future in the hands of voters they do not.

Nevertheless, we must try to achieve this political reform. We must let voters choose the individual whom they want to represent them in the Knesset. Let candidates declare themselves on issues. Let them stand for election on the basis of such declarations and on their own merits. Let members of the Knesset be answerable to a specific constituency and be made accountable for the way they vote. In brief, let us give the Knesset member a chance to serve his electorate regardless of his party's dictates; and let us give the voters a chance to unseat those representatives who set loyalty to party above duty to the constituents.
 FRANKLYN E. LANDES
 Jerusalem.

THE HIGH COST OF ALIYA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — Instead of American Jews marching by the tens of thousands in protest on the UN in New York in response to the anti-Zionist resolution, far better for only 5,000 of them to march straight to the airport on aliya to Israel, as admonished by Dr. Bones in a recent cartoon.
 Unfortunately, had they done so, the 5,000 would have had a very rude shock at the El Al ticket counter. For the price of the fare from here to Israel is so enormous that it is prohibitive and consequently exorbitant, as it is for the rich only. (Let us not even speak of the other costs of settling down for new immigrants once they arrive in Israel.)
 My husband and I and the three youngest of our four children are and have been considering aliya for some time, but we are just not affluent enough. So, 5,000 of us, having marched to the airport, sit outside the gates — waiting. Irony, isn't it?
 Dear Park, Long Island, N.Y.,
 G.M. KATZ

CLOSURE OF IMMIGRANT CENTRE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
 Sir, — I read with growing concern and dismay about the imminent closing of Meadon Hachel Nathan Steinberg Centre in Jerusalem. This would be a severe blow to the many immigrants in and out of the neighborhood.
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 MIRIAM ROSENBERG
 Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS



POSTSCRIPT to Purim. We have just received the photograph, reproduced here, from a reader, HANAN HAREL of Tel Aviv. The accompanying note says it is a picture "of host and guests taken at Schudig's Purim Party." It has the approval of "Dry Bones."

EGGED, which takes credit for all the triumphal Jewish transports in history with the possible exception of the Exodus, is weeping these days that its urban lines are a dead loss, notably in Jerusalem, where it says it is losing IL200,000 daily. Here may be one reason why:
 The other morning I waited in Mahane Yehuda for a number 7 bus to Romema. The bus is supposed to come every 15 minutes; at the end of 30, two buses pulled in together. I suppose that maintains the average of one bus per 15 minutes. But during one three-minute stretch of our half-hour wait, a convoy of two number 20 buses and no fewer than five number 15 buses passed by, each of them carrying no more than about half a load, some less than that. The next morning I left my home at 8.35 a.m., in the expectation of being taken downtown by 9.15 by a 20 or 27 bus. I waited till 9 o'clock for a bus, and arrived at my destination at 9.30.
 M.K.

SHUD ("UDI") DAYAN, until recently the least-known member of the Dayan family, has found yet another way of getting into the news. Our consumer affairs reporter has just received a press release informing the public that Meakit, the handicraft shops chain headed by Mrs. Ruth Dayan, has begun marketing children's t-shirt shirts illustrated by her son Udi Dayan.
 In addition to the animal illustrations, each shirt is imprinted with a star from which shines out "the face of Udi Dayan."
 This personality shirt sells for IL46 to IL51, depending on size. M.M.

The Arab boycott office in Damascus does not officially publish its blacklists of companies which have "Zionist inclinations." But the impact of the boycott on the conduct of American business is undeniable. In the first of four articles SOL STERN, writing from New York, shows how the work of the boycott has been facilitated by the failure of the U.S. Government to take action.

Abetting the Arab boycott

IT SHOULD NOT come as a surprise that the U.S. Government considers protection money to be a proper business expense for American firms with interests in the Middle East. Since 1972, by its own diplomatic behaviour, the U.S. Government has demonstrated that in the scramble for Arab petrodollars, anything goes.
 That signal came as early as June 8, 1974 when Henry Kissinger signed for the United States a far ranging economic cooperation agreement with Saudi Arabia. The agreement projected how the U.S. could "be helpful in the realization of Saudi aspirations," and it established a Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation. The government commission has been the major vehicle for channelling billions of dollars of new business into Saudi Arabia. All of it however has been on Saudi Arabia's terms — meaning exclusion of hundreds of U.S. companies blacklisted by the Arab boycott office in Damascus, plus discrimination against American Jews.
 Henry Kissinger knows how seriously the Saudis take their anti-Semitism. During Kissinger's very first meeting with King Faisal, in November 1973, the Saudi monarch got things started with a lecture on the Jews that was straight out of the Protocols of Zion. As authoritatively described by Kissinger's biographers, Bernard and Melvin Kalb, Kissinger listened in silence as the king described how the Jews had led the 1917 Russian revolution and then set up the expansionist state of Israel. Looking straight at Kissinger Faisal said: "All over the world (the Jews) were putting themselves into positions of authority." Faisal told Kissinger, according to the Kalbs, "that the Jews were trying to run the world, but that he would stop them with his oil weapon."

Thus, said Baker, the administration opposes all attempts to legislate against compliance with the boycott because it "... could result in the loss of significant trade opportunities by U.S. interests and business concerns." American businessmen understand the priorities. Consider the following casual transaction recently concluded between a Connecticut manufacturer and two businessmen in Kuwait. Several months ago the Kuwaitis ordered \$4,470 worth of household tools from The Stanley Works in New Britain, Conn. To finance the deal the customers opened a line of credit with The Commercial Bank of Kuwait — a correspondent of New York's Chemical Bank. The Chemical Bank in turn issued a standard letter of credit to The Stanley Works which included the following "special instructions":

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 A declaration in exactly the above language was made by The Stanley Works on its invoice. The export documents were delivered to the Chemical Bank's International Department, where clerk checked them off against requirements of the letter of credit. The Stanley Works received payment, and the goods were shipped to Kuwait, concluding what a spokesman for the Chemical Bank called a "routine clerical transaction."

NOW IT IS A matter of public record that Kuwait's blacklist consists of some 1,500 American companies, individuals and organizations — including such household names as R.C.A., Xerox, and Coca Cola. Thus what The Stanley Works as a condition of sale attested that it was not "in any way affiliated to any such company" it was surrendering a most sweeping restraint on trade.
 Without even blinking, it banks are now processing thousands of export documents with declarations such as these:
 Yet at a recent N.Y. State Assembly subcommittee hearing on the boycott, representatives of all the major banks insisted they were doing nothing improper or unethical. All cited recent statements by Ford Administration officials in support of the position.
 The Arabs themselves make sound even more innocent. The tell Americans not to worry a much about a boycott that is not discriminate against anyone on ethnic or religious grounds. The boycott, according to official Arab statements, is nothing but a legitimate act of self-defence against Israel, carried out with precision.
 The issue, however, is not "Arabs' "right to boycott" Israel, but whether U.S. institutions and companies are going to be coerced into abandoning their own principles and laws. Conceivably, boycott against Israel might be carried out so scrupulously that American Jews and other "innocent parties" were not also hurt. The trouble with the boycott administered out of Damascus is that it has never been very scrupulous about anything. At what is worst of all is that the few American firms which take American principles seriously and refuse to knuckle under to then discriminated against in part of a process abetted by U.S. Government itself.

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 - Citizens Fidelity, Louisville.
 - 1st Nat'l Bank of Minneapolis.
 - 1st Nat'l Bank of St. Paul, Akron Nat'l Bank, Akron, Minn. 1st Nat'l Bank, Cincinnati, Central Nat'l Bank, Cleveland, Nat'l City Bank, Cleveland, Winters Nat'l Bank, Dayton, 1st Nat'l Bank of Dayton, 1st Nat'l Bank of Dayton, Dollar Savings & Trust, Youngstown.
 - Philadelphia Nat'l Bank, Provident Nat'l Bank, Philadelphia, Continental Bank, Philadelphia, Texas Commerce Bank, Houston, Bank of the Southwest, Houston, Marine Nat'l Bank, Milwaukee.

FAISAL AT LEAST tried to be as good as his word. The agreements his ministers signed with the U.S. note that the joint programme will be "sensitive to the social, cultural, political and religious contexts of Saudi Arabia." Nothing in the agreements however indicates that the United States insisted on any relaxation of the boycott against U.S. companies or of Saudi Arabia's discrimination against American Jews.

When I raised the question of Saudi Arabia's exclusion of Jews with Jackson Hearn, a Commerce Department official who works on the Joint U.S.-Saudi Commission, he shrugged and said: "It's not just Jews. The Saudis do not permit Communists and atheists either."

As to the boycott, though a Federal statute states it is U.S. policy to oppose boycotts against

Thus, said Baker, the administration opposes all attempts to legislate against compliance with the boycott because it "... could result in the loss of significant trade opportunities by U.S. interests and business concerns." American businessmen understand the priorities. Consider the following casual transaction recently concluded between a Connecticut manufacturer and two businessmen in Kuwait. Several months ago the Kuwaitis ordered \$4,470 worth of household tools from The Stanley Works in New Britain, Conn. To finance the deal the customers opened a line of credit with The Commercial Bank of Kuwait — a correspondent of New York's Chemical Bank. The Chemical Bank in turn issued a standard letter of credit to The Stanley Works which included the following "special instructions":

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CLEVELAND	AC 719	21:10	22:00
DALLAS	AA 611	18:45	22:05
DETROIT	NC 349	19:30	21:35
EDMONTON	CP 067	19:40	21:35
LOS ANGELES	AC 793	18:55	21:00
MILWAUKEE	NC 349	19:30	20:37
REGINA	AC 233	19:30	22:25
VANCOUVER	CP 061	19:15	21:00
WASHINGTON	AL 904	19:25	21:10
WINNIPEG	AC 327	20:55	21:40
WINNIPEG	CP 075	20:05	21:25

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BALTIMORE	EA 171	20:05	21:31
BOSTON	DL 1167	18:50	19:42
BUFFALO	AL 485	18:15	19:23
HALIFAX	AC 658	18:00	21:00
MIAMI	EA 415	18:50	23:48
NEW YORK	AC 752	18:10	19:35
OTTAWA	AC 485	17:00	17:30
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